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'allaghan move to save British assets from African retaliation

ames Callaghan and Dr David Owen are flying to . in Nigeria, today to try to dissuade President Kaunda mbia from starting hostile actions against British economic interests in black Africa. The decision comes in the wake of Dr Kaunda's anger at the revelations in the Bingham report of Rhodesia sanctions-breaking.

Flight to Nigeria for sanctions talks with Dr Kaunda

Emery
Editor

rgent attempt to dissuade t Kaunda of Zambia from pro- hostile actions against British c interests in black Africa is n purpose behind the Prime 's sudden decision to fly today the Zambian President in Kano,

was confirmed last night in ative government quarters. nsisted, however, that Mr n probably did not know y what action Dr Kaunda had

allaghan decided on the mission ceiving an urgent request for a from Dr Kaunda; he tele- the Zambian President on Wed- nd he agreed to Mr Callaghan's on to meet in Kano.

recipitate nature of the arrange- as illustrated by the arrival in yesterday morning of Dr Siteke the Zambian Foreign Minister, d left Nairobi on Wednesday bound for New York. Instead, announcement, he took the first e flight to Kano.

avid Owen, the Foreign Secre- will accompany Mr Callaghan. ime Minister intends to be back don tomorrow evening.

e were reports in London that nda, who is under pressure at after the publication of the n report to react sharply to governments' involvement in lation of Rhodesian oil sanc- wanted action taken against oil companies.

One report in the City was that with few targets in Zambia he was seeking to persuade the Nigerian Government to sequester the assets of BP and Shell. Another report had it there was a threat to take over British assets in Zambia.

All that was stated by authoritative sources to be unknown to the Prime Minister and the rest of the Cabinet which discussed the question yesterday morning. Indeed in Whitehall it was insisted that no ultimatum had been received.

However, the same ministerial sources acknowledged that an urgent attempt had to be made to ward off actions that were expected to be harmful to British policy and to British commercial and economic interests.

It was obviously disturbing to ministers that the Zambian Government had brought a suit in its own courts for damages to its economy against international oil companies including BP and Shell.

It was not ruled out that the Zambian Government might secure rapid judgment against the oil companies in Zambia's courts and seek to have it enforced in other courts, including Nigeria's.

Britain no longer has considerable assets in Zambia after the nationalization of the copper mines. However, action by the Nigerian Government against the important British assets there is an entirely different matter.

It is also acknowledged by ministers that Dr Kaunda could be intending to break with British and American policy over Rhodesia. Hitherto he has been the strongest African pillar of the Anglo-American attempt to engage Dr Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, in an all-party settlement.

However, the same sources ruled out any possibility that Mr Callaghan might be tempted to extend his African mission into a direct attempt to arrange a Rhodesian settlement. It was suggested elsewhere in Whitehall that one reason Kano has been chosen was that it kept Mr Callaghan well away from anyone connected with Rhodesian politics.

That will disappoint those in London and South Africa who are believed to have been at least preparing for the possibility of Mr Callaghan's flying dramatically to Salisbury for a meeting with Mr Ian Smith.

Very little of the urgency of the Prime Minister's mission was conveyed in an unusual on-the-record Downing Street statement. It said:

"There is no specific agenda for the meeting. It will centre around bilateral relations. In addition, developments in southern Africa, including the situation in Rhodesia, are likely to figure in the talks. The Prime Minister and Kenneth Kaunda are old friends as well as heads of government of Commonwealth countries. They last met in May of this year when President Kaunda paid a three-day visit to Britain and have, of course, been in regular touch with each other since then."

The fact that the mission will "centre around bilateral relations" with Zambia is the only official surface indication of the perturbations being felt among ministers about Dr Kaunda's emotional reactions to the Bingham report and oil sanctions-breaking.

What Mr Callaghan will be able to offer Dr Kaunda is far from clear. Certainly he will increase British aid to Zambia from the present £20m; whether he will be able to satisfy Dr Kaunda regarding Rhodesia is extremely doubtful.

As for the Government's follow-up to the Bingham inquiry, that is now regarded as virtually a secondary matter as far as Zambia is concerned.

The Cabinet discussed it yesterday at length without reaching a decision. However, it was avowed afterwards that that meant there would be a new inquiry; it remained only to decide how best to proceed.

It was said that Mr Callaghan still wanted oil sanctions-breakers "brought to book", as he assured President Kaunda last year.

Mr Callaghan is flying out with a party of officials in an RAF VC10. He leaves after an early morning meeting at Heathrow airport, London, with Mr Begin, the Prime Minister of Israel.

Only one British journalist, from the Press Association, is being taken on the Prime Minister's airliner. Last night other British journalists seeking to travel to Nigeria by commercial airlines were complaining that Downing Street was refusing them accreditation, and that without it the Nigerian Government would not permit them access to the meeting in Kano.

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UK moving away from European money plan

From David Blake
Montreal, Sept 21

It is becoming increasingly unlikely that Britain will be able to join the proposed European Monetary System. It seems possible that the Government will find itself with a view that suggests that the proposed scheme is no more attractive to it than the existing "snake".

Although "snake" membership has clear attractions for France in the coming months there could be great concern on the part of the United Kingdom that the net effect of the proposed EMS would be to hold down the value of the Deutsche mark, thus making German goods more competitive.

The new system, favoured by the Germans, would define the various European currencies in units, held together in a band within set intervention points, much like the present "snake".

But the currencies would have fixed exchange rates against each other that could fluctuate only within narrow bands. The present system requires a currency to retain its value against the average of the others.

Prospects for converting the system into something closer to British desires have not been totally written off and no final decision is likely to be taken until the summit meeting in Brussels in December.

Britain is likely to accept that it cannot postpone a decision by the EEC on setting up the EMS even if it wished.

It seems that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France may have decided that it is worth accepting the "parity grid" scheme to get access to German money to prop up the franc in the early part of 1979.

French inflation is expected to be around 12 per cent next year, and the French Government would clearly not welcome a further inflationary push from franc depreciation.

France is still believed to favour the "currency basket" approach to European monetary union on intellectual grounds, but the Government is thought not to be strong enough to push this preference if it means risking German unwillingness to provide funds.

Any British effort to change the minds of the Germans and the French is likely to rely heavily on the persuasive powers of Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, at the Brussels summit, who will also have the crucial role of deciding whether Britain should join.

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, and the Treasury will be deeply involved in the coming months in trying to get concessions on the detailed form of the new monetary system.

Even if the British Government were to decide to join the European Monetary System there would be great difficulty in obtaining Parliamentary approval.

Any scheme is expected to be opposed by those in favour of depreciation, opponents of EEC membership and monetarists who fear losing control of the money supply.

Even if these problems could be overcome, there may be concern at building up Europe's financial resources into a kind of "mini-International Monetary Fund" which could damage the IMF itself and possibly also harm the dollar.

Three conditions: Mr Healey told a press conference in Montreal last night that for the European Monetary System to be workable three conditions must be fulfilled: it must not be an obstacle to growth, the IMF must not be damaged, and there must be no additional strain on the dollar.

Mr Healey was speaking at the end of the first day of the Commonwealth finance minister's conference.

Provisional IRA has 'night vision' devices

The Provisional IRA in Northern Ireland has three night vision devices that can detect equipment used by the Army in surveillance operations after dark, sources in Belfast say. The devices, so-called electronic binoculars, will also enable IRA snipers to pick out targets at night. It is understood that they were stolen by sympathizers in a raid on a national guard armoury in the United States two years ago. The Army refused to comment, but it is understood that the matter is being treated seriously by the security forces. The acquisition of the devices by the IRA has come at a time when the Army is increasing its concentration on undercover activities

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Three fight for Vorster post

The struggle in South Africa to find a successor to Mr Vorster as Prime Minister will be a contest between the Cape and Transvaal wings of the ruling National Party. The withdrawal of Mr S. P. Botha, a possible compromise candidate, leaves three candidates: Mr P. W. Botha, Minister of Defence and party leader in the Cape; Dr Connie Mulder, Minister of Plural Relations and Transvaal party leader; and Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister

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Ministry role in Crown Agents

Scrutiny of the parts played by the Ministry of Overseas Development, the Treasury and the Bank of England in the Crown Agents affair, involving £200m losses, was called for by counsel for the tribunal inquiry into the matter

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Farmers back lower food prices

The council of the National Farmers' Union is ready to abandon the EEC system of full payments for all produce, which is blamed for encouraging food "mountains". But it wants a revalued green pound as protection from price cuts on surpluses

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Mr Lee's fears of communism

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore, says he believes that communists still have the intention of undermining South-East Asian governments, despite the Chinese-Vietnamese dispute

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Test career ends: Jeff Thomson, Australia's fast bowler in 32 Test matches, is retiring from Test cricket on September 30. He hopes to remain as a player with Queensland in the Sheffield Shield competition

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Philippa Toomey talks to Lorna Pegram, whose fifth novel *Blood and Fire* was published last week. Margaret Hook, president of ABTA, defends travel agents' conduct during the French air traffic controllers' go-slow. The Saturday Review includes an extract from A. S. Byatt's novel *The Virgin in the Garden*, Bevis Hillier on a sale of art nouveau and art deco in Monte Carlo, and Sheridan Morley interviewing T. P. McKenna, the actor

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l Routledge
Editor

than 3,000 production s at two Ford Motors walked out on unofficial yesterday within hours ring that the company termined to keep within overnment's wage re- policy.

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hourly-paid workers tools despite an appeal heir chief union negotia- : Ronald Todd, executive of the Transport and l Workers' Union, not to recipitate action just as ations on their claim for week increases were get- ler way.

the walk-out came after diction made by a senior ham shop steward, Mr Harraway, a Communist, aid Ford's offer of 5 per nd talks on a productivity night meet with "spon- s industrial action by of our members in cer- lants".

o stewards were believed discussing tactics last in preparation for a full- neeting of the trade union f the Ford national joint ating committee this ng.

pany executives were ing the response of night workers to see whether nofficial strikes were an ed reaction or the start of a "snowball stoppage" on the lines of the 1971 walk-outs, which developed into a company-wide official strike lasting more than nine weeks.

Ford's offer to the unions yesterday was the first check in the trade union push for higher wages and shorter hours this winter.

The company that made the first significant breach in the Government's incomes policy last year kept its opening offer to 57,000 manual workers within Cabinet wage restraint guidelines, and announced its intention of abiding by government policy.

Much of Ford's detailed rebuttal of the joint trade union claim for £20 a week rises and improved working conditions was taken up with a strongly worded rejection of the demand for a 35-hour week that will be widely copied in the private sector of industry.

The company's offer of 5 per cent on current wages and a commitment to start talks on a productivity agreement was dismissed by Mr Todd as "totally unacceptable".

Union leaders of the production men spread among 23 plants in the United Kingdom meet today at Ford's offices in Moscow Place, west London, to determine their considered response to the offer made by Mr Paul Roots, Ford's employee relations director.

A propaganda campaign in support of their package of demands is expected to be the opening shot in their efforts to break through the Treasury limit on wage rises.

In making what it called a socially responsible offer to the unions, the company said their claim would add at least 60 per cent to labour costs without the vast costs involved in the claim for shorter hours.

Mr Roots told the Ford national joint negotiating committee: "The company's prime

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A passer-by carrying a Bible, who started to preach to pickets outside Ford offices in Moscow Place, west London, yesterday on the evil of industrial strife.

lousing Bill planned r next session

Ian Young
ing Reporter

Government's intention to duce a comprehensive hous- ill in the coming parlia- ry session was confirmed day by Mr Reginald Free- Minister for Housing and ruction.

preparation of a Bill was sed to the Commons in by Mr Peter Shore, Secre- f State for the Environ- when it was still widely ed that there would be a al election this autumn.

listers' anxiety to see it d while they remain in reflects their conviction housing legislation has to match the rapid social conomic changes that have red in the past ten years.

simply, the public sector broaden its role from that accommodating council ts selected from rigidly ed waiting lists. It should le to offer a wide range of modation to all those who t, or do not wish to, own homes.

r may be seen partly as tempt to present a bipar- policy, as in last year's Paper, and partly as a ection manoeuvre.

whiff of the latter ap- d in Mr Freeson's obser- s yesterday that he and olleagues would not want judged on their housing es purely on the basis of ncrease in housing stock.

Freeson was speaking at ss conference to introduce the latest report of the Housing Services Advisory Group. Available only in summarized form, it suggests that local authority housing should be made available to a much wider range of people and that in the interests of mobility the criteria for qualification should be relaxed.

The report states that all those who consider themselves in housing need should be able to approach their local council for advice and help.

If their needs can be met more quickly or more appropriately than by the provision of council housing, that should be explained; if there is no realistic alternative, they should be put on the waiting list.

Allocation programmes should give priority to those in greatest need, but at the same time avoid social polarization. As recommended in the Green Paper, details of such schemes should be published, and it is important that applicants should be offered a choice of accommodation.

Restriction to a single offer, with the implication that refusal will jeopardize the applicant's chances of being offered anything else, is never justified, the report says.

Mr Freeson said that the report was not a blueprint for the Bill, but was a useful basis for discussions that he would be having with local authorities and others in the coming weeks.

Housing for People (Department of the Environment, 35p).

'Missing' art collection in sale room

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

An important collection of Japanese art, which is expected to fetch £30,000 when it is sold at Christie's next Tuesday, is part of a bigger collection that has been missing for two years from the London flat of Mr William W. Winkworth, the leading oriental scholar, his solicitors say.

They have made a statement about the circumstances surrounding the sale because they hope publicity will lead to the recovery of the rest of the collection.

A High Court action has been started to determine the legal issues concerning ownership of the property being sold.

The sale is proceeding after agreement between Mr Winkworth and the Italian buyer of the property, who sent two smaller batches for sale at Christie's in February and March last year.

It was after the second of those that a friend of Mr Winkworth noticed that the property described in the catalogue corresponded with items stolen in a burglary. In all, 150 items were sold.

A third sale, of a larger batch, due to be held in June that year, was stopped.

Christie's will be selling several hundred items on Tuesday that their catalogue describes as "Japanese works of art from the W. W. Winkworth collection". They consist of netsuke, inro, pipecases and

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PLO given Arab support for new wave of West Bank terrorism

From Robert Fisk
Damascus, Sept 21

Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), today gained the support of Syria, Libya, Algeria and South Yemen for a substantial increase in terrorist attacks against Israeli authorities on the West Bank and in other occupied Arab lands.

Both moderate and extremist Palestinian delegates to the Arab "rejection conference" being held in Damascus confirmed that increased resistance to the Israelis was to be the first step in their efforts to wreck the Camp David agreement between President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Attacks on American companies in the Middle East—which were predicted by Mr Arafat in Lebanon earlier this week—are, it seems, regarded as of less importance than fighting the Israelis on the West Bank.

One of the Palestinian delegates said: "The Camp David agreement demands West Bank Palestinian participation in elections. We are going to prevent any such participation by intensifying our struggle there."

Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, the official spokesman for Dr George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, added: "Sadat promised security for Israel. We shall make sure that they do not have a moment of rest."

At the meeting in the banqueting hall of the Sheraton Hotel in Damascus, the visiting heads of state and President Assad of Syria have been discussing the amount of military aid to be given to the PLO in the struggle.

Algeria and Libya have agreed to provide substantial funds for Syria's defence and to buy arms for the Palestinians, although the precise amount has yet to be agreed.

Syria is anxious to reequip its army so that it will, in a few years, be able to withstand an Israeli attack.

There has been no suggestion at the conference that Syria wants to undertake any unilateral military action against Israel and, privately, delegates have said that neither Libya nor Algeria are proposing to send any army units to Syria to form the nucleus of the much-discussed joint military command in Damascus.

The Palestinians are thus emerging as the principal participants in this "steadfastness and confrontation front summit" and this role has enabled them to cover some of the cracks in their organization. At the photographic sessions held at the start of each day, Mr Arafat, clad as usual in khuffai headdress—and khaki uniform with a pistol strapped to his hip, can be seen chatting amiably to Dr Habash, whose refusal to make any compromise over the state of Israel, has led to many conflicts between the two Palestinian guerrilla groups.

Mr Abu Sharif, who spoke to Arab and Western reporters this afternoon on the specific instructions of Dr Habash, admitted that the results of the Camp David accord could not be broken overnight and therefore it was necessary to strike at American interests in the Middle East as well as Israeli targets in the occupied West Bank.

Saudi interest: The Saudi Arabian Government has told Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, that it was interested in further talks in an effort to reach an understanding about the Camp David agreements, a United States spokesman said today.

Mr Vance, who is on the second leg of his Middle East trip to sell the Camp David accords to moderate Arab nations, paid a courtesy call on King Khalid, who will fly to Houston, Texas, next week for a major heart operation, and then had a longer meeting with Crown Prince Fahd, the Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Hodding Carter, the Vance mission spokesman, said, "They were actively involved in a dialogue that can reach an understanding".

On Tuesday the Saudi Cabinet issued a statement which said the Camp David agreements were not a "final acceptable" formula for peace

Rejection by Iraq: Iraq, which is not attending the Damascus conference, tonight notified Arab ambassadors in Baghdad that it rejected the Camp David accords.

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'Acquisition of night vision device by the Provisional IRA puts Army surveillance in danger

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The effectiveness of some of the Army's most dangerous night surveillance operations in Northern Ireland has been placed in danger after the disclosure yesterday that the Provisional IRA has acquired several anti-surveillance devices stolen from an American national guard armoury in Massachusetts.

According to sources in Belfast, the Provisionals have obtained three sets of "electronic bionoculars", an expensive military night vision device manufactured for the American Army, which can detect infrared equipment used for surveillance by British troops.

The new binoculars will also enable snipers to pick out targets in the dark. The Provisionals apparent lack of such equipment has given British marksmen a distinct advantage in any incidents at night.

The Army refused to comment yesterday on the reports, but it is understood that they are being treated seriously by security forces. It is impossible to predict how badly the work of undercover squads will be affected.

The night vision devices were among a large haul of American army weapons seized by Provisional IRA sympathizers from the Massachusetts armoury two years ago. Some of the M60 heavy machine guns that reached the Provisionals earlier this year are believed to be from the same source.

The Army is increasing its undercover activities, which are cited by officers and terrorists as the main reason for the high rate of arrests of suspected IRA men in recent months.

Last month a member of the Provisional IRA's ruling army council gave improved British intelligence as a main reason for the drop in IRA activity.

In an interview published in *Republican News* he said: "The fact of the matter is that it is increasingly difficult to operate with impunity, especially in the Belfast area, which is thick with undercover British operatives.

"There are soldiers staked out in hiding places throughout the city and suburbs. This makes operations much more difficult than was thought conceivable a few years ago."

Rush hour traffic in Belfast was thrown into chaos last night by an elaborate series of bomb hoaxes which blocked many main roads and the province's two motorways. There was a large fire at a printing works on the outskirts of the city, believed to have been started by an incendiary device.

The operation was one of the most extensive organized by the Provisional IRA in Belfast for some months. Coming less than 24 hours after explosions at three factories in the city, it led to speculation that it may mark the start of an autumn campaign.

Navy involvement: A small number of Fleet Air Arm Wessex helicopters and their naval crews are being used in Northern Ireland to airlift troops for the Army along the border and in other rural areas.

Their presence was disclosed yesterday after a naval helicopter flew into wires near Newtownhamilton, close to the border in South Armagh, and made a forced landing on Wednesday night. The crew were unhurt.

The helicopters are being used for the first time during the emergency to ease the strain on the RAF's tactical helicopter squadrons based at Odiham, Hampshire.

'Admission' of perjury in Crossman libel case

By Roger Berthoud

Mr Brian Inglis, a former editor of *The Spectator*, last night joined the recently revived controversy over the 1957 libel action by Aneurin Bevan, Richard Crossman and Morgan Phillips against *The Spectator*.

On Granada Television's *What the Papers Say*, Mr Inglis, who was assistant editor of *The Spectator* at the time, said Mr Crossman had told him a few days after the successful court case that they had committed perjury.

The three senior Labour politicians were each awarded damages of £2,500 after *The Spectator* had published an article clearly implying they had been drunk at a congress of the Italian Socialist Party in Venice.

During a tribute to the magazine's 150th birthday, Mr Inglis said last night:

In my innocence I had passed it for publication. I thought that Bevan, Crossman and Phillips, all of whom I knew to be convivial fellows on occasions, would be rathered flattered at the description of how well they could hold their liquor.

Not so: they sued *The Spectator*, and won damages of £2,000 (sic) apiece, by claiming that they had each drunk one glass. This was the truth, and nothing but the truth—but not the whole truth, as they had drunk many more than one glass.

In other words, they had committed perjury, as Crossman himself told me not 15 years, but a few days later, when I met him on a television programme; though Crossman claimed that he had not perjured himself; he had indeed been drinking, but he had not been drinking whisky. And later Crossman was to repeat the same story, as five other journalists testified who were present when Auberon Waugh heard it.

It was Mr Waugh who reopened the controversy in April by recalling in an article in *The Spectator* how, at a *Private Eye* lunch party in 1972, Crossman had said "he and Bevan had both been as pissed as newts".

The five other journalists present confirmed Mr Waugh's account of the conversation in a letter to *The Times*. Sir Ian Gilmour, now opposition spokesman on defence and in 1957 editor of *The Spectator*, said he thought the magazine had been naive not to think the plaintiffs might want to commit perjury for money.

Mr Michael Foot, Mr Bevan's biographer, concluded that the court judgment was more convincing than reminiscences about dead people who could not defend themselves.

Check with police failed to reveal art theft

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lacquer boxes. Mr Winkworth had intended to sell his collection; but at Sotheby's.

Mr J. R. Cornwell, Mr Winkworth's solicitor, said that there was a burglary at Mr Winkworth's Chelsea flat in June, 1976, when about 1,000 items were stolen. It was reported to the Chelsea police but not to Scotland Yard's art and antiques squad.

"Nothing happened for nine months, but in March, 1977, after the second sale, Mr Winkworth heard about the items in the catalogue. He contacted Christie's and discovered that the two sales had taken place. The seller was a man called Dal Pozzo, described then as the Marchese Dal Pozzo.

"The goods were in Italy three weeks after the burglary and were being offered by a Milan dealer, Baggio Franco, to Mr Dal Pozzo. His reaction, that of an honest man, was to ask Christie's to ask someone to check the items."

That was done, Mr Cornwell said, and Mr Dal Pozzo was given a valuation, understood to be £100,000. He had paid £80,000. Although checks were made, nobody had heard of a burglary involving a big collection.

Two of the netsukes to be auctioned on Tuesday.

In July, 1976, the sale was made and early the next year Mr Dal Pozzo began sending some of the material in batches to Christie's to be sold. The first sale was in February, the second in March. No further sale took place.

Those events raise a fascinating legal question. Mr Winkworth and the buyer had agreed to next Tuesday's sale proceeding because neither wished to keep the collection.

Under Italian law, provided he is found to be the bona fide purchaser, and subject to certain conditions, Mr Dal Pozzo could be held legally entitled to keep the goods; in Britain, however, the original loser would be entitled to claim their return or their value even if the subsequent buyer was an innocent party.

Mr Cornwell said the proceeds from the sale would not be paid to anyone pending settlement of the legal issues.

He emphasized, however, that there will be no difficulty for prospective purchasers at Christie's as far as title to any of the items was concerned. As for the legal action, that was proceeding as if the goods had not been sold.

Mr Cornwell said the two sales had realized a total of £10,000; if next Tuesday's reaches the estimate o that accounted for £40 rest of the collection of sword guards and s tings.

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11 are charged over fire brigade funds

From Our Correspondent
Luton

Eleven men, including a retired deputy chief fire officer, council officials and traders, have been charged after police investigations lasting a year.

The summonses are to be heard at Hertford Magistrates' Court on October 24. The investigations began after an internal audit by the fire brigade.

Hertfordshire County Council said yesterday. The council is relieved that this matter, which has been under investigation for so long, is now crystalizing in the form of specific charges to which the individuals concerned will be able to give their answers.

"Of those concerned, four are currently civilian employees of the county council, one is a part-time fireman and two are ex-members of the brigade. The four present employees and the retained fireman have been suspended from duty pending the outcome of the proceedings."

Campaign in US to cut Ulster investment

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

A carefully organized campaign designed to dissuade American industrialists from investing in Northern Ireland is causing concern to the British authorities.

It is being conducted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc, based in Garnerville, New York, and takes the form of letters addressed to company chairmen that seek to divert to the Irish Republic those Americans considering Northern Ireland as an industrial base.

A copy of the letter has come into the possession of *The Times*. It refers to the promotional visit to the United States earlier this year of Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and suggests that if companies have been approached by British Government representatives they should consider a number of propositions that are presented as facts.

They claim that the British presence in Northern Ireland condones, among other things, "the maintenance of the only remaining concentration camps in Western Europe"; systematic beating of political and other Irish prisoners, "by the English army, secret police, assassination squads and the Royal Ulster Constabulary"; every-day harassment of Irish people of whatever age or sex at home or on the street; and "the deliberate fomentation of conflict between economically disadvantaged Catholics and Protestants".

The Government has also received reports of the National Council of Irish Americans calling for a boycott of General Motors products if the company goes ahead with its plan for a factory near Belfast.

The Northern Ireland Office is aware of the anti-Northern Ireland campaign, which it regards as fairly crude propaganda, but because, one suspects, it involves attempts to persuade companies to go to the Irish Republic instead of the north, it is maintaining a diplomatic silence.

Battle of holiday discounts

By Derek Harris

An intensification of the inducements battle among high street travel agents, with discounts and other incentives *offered to those booking holidays*, is expected after yesterday's announcement by Thomas Cook of a £40 discount scheme.

Cook's, Britain's largest chain of travel outlets, from today offers £40 in the form of discount vouchers, which can be used the next year towards the cost of various travel-related products, including cameras, suncream, luggage and language courses.

That means customers will have to spend extra cash to get the discounts, which on Cook's average-cost holiday of £150 represent a 26 per cent saving.

Even those travel operators who have been most opposed to inducements appear to be accepting them. Horizon Midland, the Birmingham-based tour operators, have raised no objection to the scheme, although they had previously objected to a cooperative retailing society voucher system.

Three other cooperative societies in the north Midlands are operating a voucher scheme which allows them to be used as a discount on additional goods bought.

Two of the largest groups of smaller independent travel agents, the Alliance of Retail Travel Agency Consortia and the National Association of Independent Travel Agents, meet next week to discuss plans for incentive schemes. The second of those groups has already announced a £500 monthly draw for clients.

Papers for DPP after girl dies of overdose

Kalpna Inamdar, aged two, died after twice taking her mother's sleeping pills, it was stated at an inquest yesterday. A coroner's jury at Hornsey, north London, returned a verdict of unlawful killing and papers on the case have been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The first time the child took the pills her mother, Mr Ranjana Inamdar, aged 24, of Tankridge Road, Dollis Hill, took her to relatives, the inquest was told. She assured them that the incident could not be repeated because she had thrown away all her pills.

Mrs Mary Hunt, a neighbour, told the court that Mrs Inamdar showed her some sleeping pills later. She said that Mrs Inamdar was afraid she would get into trouble for keeping some pills back.

Liddle Towers committee appeals for help

The committee which has been fighting for a public inquiry into the death of Mr Liddle Towers soon after his arrest in 1976 appealed yesterday for anyone who could help to come forward before a second inquest on the former boxing coach opens in Bishop Auckland, co Durham, on October 9.

Mr Towers died three weeks after being arrested outside a nightclub in Birtley, near Newcastle upon Tyne, and put in police cells. At an inquest in Durham in October, 1976, a coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

The Towers family fought to have the verdict overruled. The verdict of the first inquest was subsequently set aside and a new inquest ordered.

Criminals offer help over killing

Police investigating the killing of Carl Bridgewater, aged 13, a newspaper boy, have had several calls from criminals in the west Midlands who said they were sickened by the brutality of the shooting and had offered to help.

The boy was shot in the head on Tuesday after having disturbed intruders at Yew Tree Farm, Kingswinford, West Midlands.

Demands by Ford unions meet with scant response

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responsibility is to maintain its commercial viability, exercise sound stewardship over its resources and pursue policies which have enabled Ford to add substantially to its labour force in a period when the rest of the industry has been declaring redundancies and closing plants.

"We cannot accept that one year of profits at reasonable levels is a good reason for abandoning the good business judgment which promotes those profits and protects our future. The 1977 profit, one year, represents only a 10.9 per cent return on sales, compared with a 12 per cent average we were making 20 years ago."

While about 50 Ford workers picketed the talks with placards and slogans demanding tough union opposition to the 5 per cent pay policy, Mr Roots was inside telling the unions it was misleading to say their claim could be met without inflationary effects to the country.

"The unions may believe that incomes policy constraints are something for the company alone to worry about, but Government sanctions would have a serious impact on employees.

"We would not be sitting here talking about how to create new jobs, but desperately seeking to protect the ones we have. What we must do is thrash out a constructive agreement between us within the opportunities and limitations afforded by incomes policy."

The long list of demands tabled by the unions met with scant response. The proposal for longer holidays and sabbatical leave would only add to labour costs; extra pay for tedious production line jobs would alter wage structure relationships, and lay-off pay when men were sent home because of internal strikes would not be as good as tackling the basic causes by putting an end to unofficial strikes.

And on the request for an "information and communications agreement", Ford said they were unaware of any company that gave more information to its employees, though they were prepared to discuss improvements.

But it was the powerfully presented insistence on a shorter working week, which the unions said would yield as many as 3,500 more jobs in Ford plants, to which the company addressed its most closely argued reaction. Accusing the negotiators of "a lack of realism", Mr Roots pointed out that the TUC itself had admitted that labour cost increases flowing from a shorter work week "are substantial and cannot be ignored".

Ford gave a warning that what the Japanese have done to Britain's motor cycle and television tube industries "they can do with cars". Introducing a 35-hour working week in two-shift plants would lose ten hours productive capacity a week.

"On the assumption that actual hours are reduced, there is no way in which these losses can be recovered. The company's facilities are already fully manned, indeed overmanned, and manning cannot be increased in the short term to recover the lost production", Mr Roots said.

If the hours worked were not reduced, then overtime would simply go up, putting up labour costs.

"That is the logic of your claim", he went on. "The belief that there will be no loss of production and no increase in labour cost, or very little, is based on the fallacy that the production losses can be recovered by increasing manpower and by improving efficiency."

Most Ford production workers are employed on a 40-hour week, and most of them, 36,200 all told, alternate between day and night shifts. About 10,500 are on permanent days and 1,000 on permanent nights. Weekly wage rates range from £62.40 for unskilled workers on days to £90.93 for craftsmen on alternating shifts.

The union negotiators' chairman accused Ford of using government pay policy as a shield against the workers' claims. "We are not breaking off negotiations", Mr Todd added. "This is just the beginning of negotiations, not the conclusion. We want to bargain freely with our employers. The shorter working week would provide 3,500 jobs in the Ford Motor Company."

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Mr Nkor to take p in phone

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Joshua Nkomo, of the Rhodesian Front, which claimed bility for shooting Viscount aircraft ea month, is to take pa BBC Radio 4 phon gramme, *One Man*, on Sunday at 11.30 an

He will be linked programme from Lus result of cooperation Zambian Broadcasring tion.

Sick MP del his retireme

Mr Raphael Tuck, Labour MP for Watf 1964, is to defy the his heart specialist because the Gov precarious Parliamen tion needs every vote

"I would hate to Callaghan any harm" yesterday. Mr Tuck, a heart attack in 19 majority of 3,957 in 1974.

Two killed i training flig

An RAF instructo trainee pilot were kill day when their Bulli ing aircraft crashed land near Stokesle Yorkshire

The men were Lieutenant Jack Pie 30, married, of RAF and Midshipman Ma aged 19, of Maidstone

Prince to vis EEC buildi

The Prince of Wale making visits to the Economic Community in Brussels, Nato hea and to the Supreme H ters Allied Powers E November 30 and Dec Buckingham Palace a yesterday.

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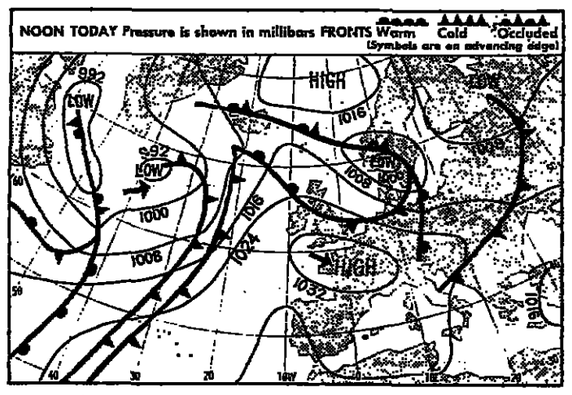
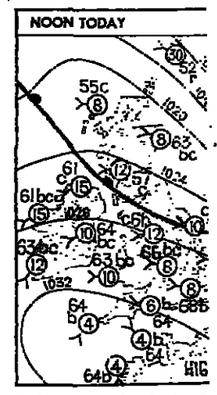
Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; c—overcast; f—fog; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; th—thunderstorm; s—showers; periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 6.46 am Sun sets: 7.0 pm
Moon sets: 1.2 pm Moon rises: 10.19 pm
Last quarter: September 24.
Lighting up: 7.30 pm to 6.18 am.
High Water: London Bridge, 6.5 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 6.19 pm, 7.0m (22.9ft). Avonmouth, 11.24 am, 11.9m (39.2ft); 11.47 pm, 11.4m (37.4ft). Dover, 3.7 am, 6.3m (20.5ft); 3.28 pm, 6.1m (20.1ft). Hull, 10.17 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 10.41 pm, 6.5m (21.4ft). Liverpool, 3.20 am, 8.7m (28.7ft); 3.40 pm, 8.4m (27.5ft).

A ridge of high pressure predominates.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE and E England, East Anglia, Central S England, Midlands: Dry, sunny spells developing after early mist or fog; wind W, light; max temp 21°C (70°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Dry, sunny spells; wind W or variable, light; max temp 21°C (70°F).

N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, mostly dry, sunny intervals developing; wind W, moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Lake District, Borders, SW Scotland: Drizzle and hill fog, becoming mostly dry, sunny intervals later; wind W, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Becoming mostly dry, sunny intervals developing; wind W, or NW moderate; max temp, 18°C (64°F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain and hill fog at times, becoming mostly dry; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp, 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for the weekend: Similar, England and Wales generally warm, dry and sunny, Scotland and N Ireland cloudy at times with occasional rain or drizzle.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW, light or moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel: Wind W, moderate, locally fresh; sea slight.

Irish Sea: Wind W, moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 23°C (73°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 12°C (54°F. Hu pm. 61 per cent. Rain. 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr t 6.1hr. Bar, mean sea leve 1,031.4 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	f	26	79	Dublin	s	20	68	London	s	20	68
Amsterdm	c	16	61	Florence	s	23	73	Luxemburg	c	15	59
Athens	f	33	91	Funchal	s	23	73	Madrid	s	26	79
Barcelona	s	24	75	Geneva	s	16	59	Majorca	s	26	79
Belfast	r	17	63	Gibraltar	f	24	75	Malaga	s	26	79
Berlin	c	12	57	Guernsey	s	17	63	Malta	s	29	84
Biarritz	s	20	68	Helsinki	c	7	45	Miami	f	31	88
Bristol	c	19	66	Innsbruck	r	10	50	Moscow	c	10	50
Brussels	c	18	64	Istanbul	c	17	63	Munich	c	10	50
Budapest	r	11	52	Jersey	s	17	63	Naples	f	29	84
Chicago	r	14	57	L Palmas	s	28	82	New York	s	27	81
Cologne	c	16	61	Lisbon	f	25	77	Nice	s	25	77
Copenhgn	c	14	57	Locarno	s	19	66	Oslo	s	15	59
Paris	c	18	64
Reykjavik	c	11	52
Rome	s	24	75
Ronidswy	s	17	63
S Fncisco	s	19	66
Stockholm	f	13	55
Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Toronto	r	18	64
Vancouver	r	13	55
Venice	f	26	79
Vienna	r	11	52
Warsaw	c	10	50
Zurich	f	16	61

At the resorts

24 hour to 6 pm, Septem

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F
E COAST				
Scarborough	2.1	—	21	70
Bridlington	4.4	—	21	70
Cleveleys	4.1	—	18	64
Clacton	7.1	—	21	70
Margate	7.1	—	19	66
Herne Bay	6.5	—	20	68
S COAST				
Hastings	6.5	—	20	68
Eastbourne	9.1	—	22	72
Brighton	8.5	—	19	66
Bognor	7.7	—	19	66
Southsea	8.0	—	21	70
Sandown	8.9	—	21	70
Bournemth	8.3	—	20	68
Exmouth	8.5	—	21	70
Torquay	7.9	—	18	64
W COAST				
Morecambe	2.5	—	17	63
Blackpool	3.1	.02	17	63
Ilfracombe	6.8	—	18	64
Newquay	10.8	—	18	64

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 3.05; France, Germany, Dmk 1.30; Greece Holland, Dfl 1.00; Irangio 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Li Luxembourg, Fr 20; Madeira, Esc 20.50; M Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; Tu $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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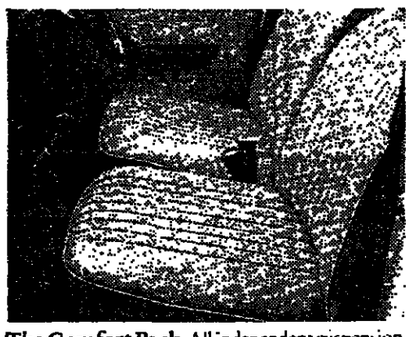

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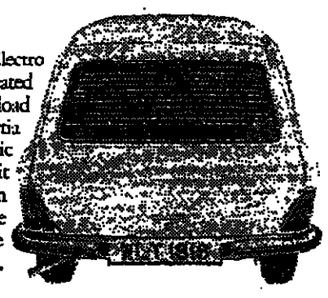

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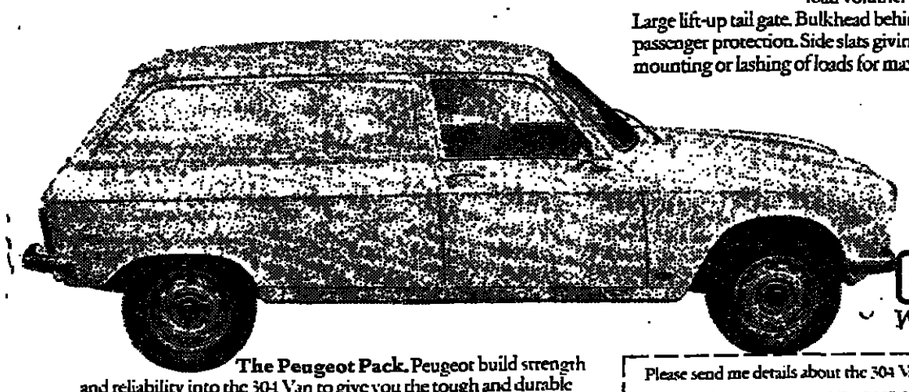

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tural Correspondent
leaders of thousands of farmers are ready to u a fundamental prin- f EEC farm policy that med for encouraging tains" of expensive sur- od.

consider untenable the at *all food* that farmers produce will be paid for Community rates, irre- e of demand.

move was debated yes- at a meeting of the aking council of the *l Farmers' Union in Lon-* he union is the largest ost influential agricul- bby in Britain. Sir Henry its president, said after eting: "Penalties would on the product that is lus."

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green pound is the rate ch EEC farm prices are sed in sterling and deter- the value to British farmers of Community price awards.

"We do not think our own producers, already penalized by a green pound gap of nearly 30 per cent, can be expected to *suffer more*", Sir Henry said. "That is why we advocate that government policy should include an immediate commitment to reduce this large gap."

Although there were surpluses in other EEC countries, there was vast scope for agricultural growth here. "Where structural surpluses exist the price mechanism may have to be used to curb an upward trend in European production", Sir Henry added.

He spoke cautiously because the union has not yet finished its internal debate about a new approach to the common agricultural policy. It does not want to make precise commitments while changes in the Community's policies on monetary union and farm pricings are being considered.

Mr Olav Gundelach, EEC commissioner for farming and fisheries, said in London last night that special curbs beyond the "prudent" prices recommended for all farm produce next year would be needed to contain the milk surplus.

"I am completely opposed to quotas or any form of quantitive restriction", he said at a meeting of the Agricultural Forum.

"We have insisted on a prudent price policy, and we aim to go further in the milk sector in order to discourage producers and give a benefit to consumers. Such a policy will be painful to some, and we must not lose sight of our social responsibility to farmers who can produce little else but milk."

Photographs by Brian Harris

Expectation, concentration and preparation from three entrants at the Richmond dog show, at Ascot, yesterday.

xpress' journalists call talks on new paper

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nalists at the *Daily Ex-* offices in London have for talks with the man- it about the proposed ng of a new newspaper, *ily Star*. They decided ay not to accept an offer ngle payment of £120 in for their cooperation.

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journalists voted by a big ty in favour of a motion ing the new newspaper eking talks. A motion uld have involved a more t attitude in the run-up *launching was rejected* votes to 57.

nalists at the Manchester f the *Daily Express* also ed the issue yesterday. They have consistently pursued a policy of cooperation and have *accepted a £300 payment.*

The proposal is apparently for 12 journalists from the London office to move to the new paper and half the journalists in the Manchester office to do so.

The Daily Star will be printed in Manchester and will aim for the market now held by *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror*. The launching is planned for next month. In the initial weeks the paper will have to employ casual staff and pay overtime while jobs are filled. The management has offered to pay journalists two fifths of their weekly salary for an extra shift.

It is apparently proposed that the London office of the new paper should have 47 journalists. *There has been no indication* that journalists would be asked to work for both the *Daily Express* and the *Daily Star*.

How to claim in plain man's terms

By a Staff Reporter

Thirteen claim forms for supplementary benefits are to be redesigned and rewritten to make *them more intelligible*. The Supplementary Benefits Commission is disturbed t hat some of its customers find its forms and standard letters incomprehensible.

The cost of the research project aimed at turning jargon into readily understandable English is £41,000. The work will be carried out by the Salford Form Market Foundation, a specialist charity experienced in simplyfying leaflets and forms for the inarticulate.

Its recent simplification of the supplementary benefits form SB1 made it comprehensible to people with a reading age of nine years, instead of 17. That meant it was intelligible to about nine tenths of the *population instead of about two fifths.*

The arbiters of the comprehensibility of the 13 redesigned forms will include low ability students aged between 16 and 19 in colleges of further education. *If tests are successful*, the forms will be in general use in about 18 months.

Professor David Donnison, chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, said yesterday: "The Commission *has become* increasingly concerned about communications with the public. It is crucial that we make a greater effort to explain our policies and decisions clearly as our scheme becomes more complicated.

"We made a start last November when we simplified our main leaflets, and we shall be issuing new ones this November *which incorporate* the lessons we learned from the market research carried out on leaflets a few months ago. The simplified form project is a further step along that road.

The project will be in three stages. The forms will be simplified and then assessed by the Research Institute for Consumer Affairs computer to *gauge the reading age required* to understand them. They will then be revised and tested in further education colleges.

If successful, they will be tested again on selected claimants and potential claimants

The research institute will also assess the general principles of the design of social security forms and letters sent to the public. The Department of Health and Social Security think that this will be of use in carrying out its wider responsibilities for social security.

Nursing college urged to join TUC

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

The Royal College of Nursing, the professional body that represents about a third of Britain's nurses, will be asked next year to consider voting for affiliation to the Trades Union Congress.

According to *Nursing Mirror*, published yesterday, a working party of the college has decided strongly in favour of affiliation. The college said last night that the working party's report would be debated at the congress in Guernsey in April and that a final decision *would lie with an emergency* general meeting.

The report, *Nursing Mirror* says, states that the position of the college as an independent trade union would be strengthened by affiliation because of the TUC's immense influence in employment and as a body consulted extensively by the Government.

The "authoritative voice" of nursing could be strengthened as long as the college was recognized as the "expert" nursing body within the congress. The TUC could help to press for money to achieve professional goals, and affiliation could enhance the educational role of the college.

If the college did not affiliate it would simply continue its policies and roles, the document said. Although other affiliated *unions, particularly health* unions, could perhaps press the college into taking industrial action, that could also happen without affiliation. But additional arguments could be adduced if the college was affiliated.

On political standing, the document assures the college that it should be able to make clear its neutral position on matters not related to health issues. The TUC, it says, is not affiliated to any political party. Many of its affiliated unions were affiliated to the Labour Party, but many were not.

The cost of affiliation would be about £22,000 a year, and the college would provide 22 delegates at congress meetings.

In a leading article *Nursing Mirror* says that the debate will be long, controversial and heart-*rending. But the outcome* should be a decision to affiliate, so that the college may take its place at the centre of the union movement.

Prisoner found dead

The police are investigating the death of Brian Peake, aged 37, serving a life sentence in Parkhurst prison, Isle of Wight, for murder, who was found dead with multiple stab wounds on Wednesday.

Disabled women 'locked in train van for 9 hours'

Sir Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, is being asked to investigate a claim that two disabled, elderly women in wheelchairs were locked in a guards van for nearly nine hours on a train journey.

Mrs eJssie Trotman, aged 65, and Mrs Doris Healey, aged 67, were travelling from their home town of Bristol to Northampton for a holiday. They had expected to be helped out at Birmingham to catch a connecting trai nfor Northampton, but no one met them and they were taken on to Sheffield.

British Rail at Birmingham said yesterday "We are very upset about this affair." It denied that the women had been locked in the van. "They were in a brake-passenger van and people were walking through from time to time."

Evening court sittings urged to cut delays

By Our Legal Correspondent

Magistrates' and Crown courts should sit outside normal hours, in the evenings and on Saturdays, for instance, to reduce the delays in cases coming to trial. the Greater London Council is to propose to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

In its draft memorandum to the commission, expected to be confirmed by the policy and resources committee on Tuesday, the GLC says there were fewer courtrooms than London needed to avoid delays when cases were ready for hearing.

There were also shortages of accommodation for witnesses, for defendants where they could be interviewed by their lawyers, for the detention of those in custody, and for the administrative work of the courts.

Apart from sitting outside normal hours, the GLC suggests two ways of reducing delays and increasing efficiency: setting up special courts for dealing with minor offences such as those concerning excise licences, rate recovery, and nonpayment of television licences; and introducing a system of *hearing cases by appointment*, or at least at more staggered times than the existing morning and afternoon sessions.

The GLC also points out that some planned improvements to courts in its area have been held up by restrictions imposed by the Government because of the economic position.

Student beds in short supply

Sheffield council is to make available to students at Sheffield Polytechnic 100 two and three-bedroom flats in the Hyde Park complex, where about a seventh of the 1,300 flats will then be occupied by students.

About 2,500 students are due to start the new academic year next week, but the estimated *los of 250 to 300 beds in* landlady accommodation since last year could lead to some sleeping on the common room floor.

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citors for Jeremy Thorpe, rmer Liberal leader, and ther men facing charges of iracy to murder Mr an Scott have *formally* the Director of Public utions to postpone com- proceedings due to start onth.

David Napley, Mr e's solicitor, said yester- at he had approached Mr Hetherington, QC, the with solicitors represent- avid Holmes and John Le rier.

mmittal proceedings were o begin at Minehead Magis- *Court, Somerset, on* October 9 after they were postponed from a date this month. *Sir David said that he had still* received only two thirds of the papers he required from the prosecution and it would be difficult for the defence to be ready on October 9.

Sir David said he thought the *committal might now be put* back to a date late in November.

The proceedings are expected to last up to a week, and include the calling of a number of witnesses.

Mr Thorpe, MP for Devon, North, was charged on August 4 with Mr Holmes, Mr Le Mesurier, and Mr George Deakin at *Minehead police station.*

eral backing higher evision fees

e BBC's request for in- es in television licence fees *realistic for the stabiliza-* of fees until 1981, taking ion into account, Mr ent Freud, MP for the Isle y and Liberal spokesman roadcasting and the arts, yesterday.

was commenting on the s request to the Govern- for the colou rtelevision be raised to £30 and the and white fee to £12. It oped that the fees, if ed, would remain at these for three years.

aan and the ensuing White pointed to the BBC's pro- of very good value for y", Mr Freud said. "Even the requested increase, the ration's television and casting service will keep the top of the European for-money league".

Man says he ran from house after beating by armed gang

From Our Correspondent
Liverpool

To escape a gang of armed men who entered his house at 5 am, a young man of Bootle, Merseyside, said at Liverpool *Crown Court yesterday*, he ran naked with a broken leg from his home in Gonville Road with the gang in pursuit.

Mr Ronald Goldbourne was giving evidence in the trial of eight men who have pleaded not guilty to making an affray and to four charges of aggravated burglary at houses with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Mr Goldbourne said he and his wife and their baby were awakened by the smashing of glass in *their front door*, followed by the vestibule door crashing against the wall. He got out of bed and heard steps on the stairs.

"I jumped into the wardrobe", he said. "The wardrobe door was pulled open by a man I do not know and by one of the defendants named Harpur".

He said he was dragged out on to *the landing. Four men* there had bars or hammers and another man had a baseball bat. All started hitting him.

He fell downstairs and heard voices shouting: "Do not let the bastard go. Kill him, kill him". As he ran from the house someone ripped his underpants off. "I ran into the street naked", he said. "Some cars *came after me*".

He jumped over a wall into a garden and through the glass of a window into a house. Then he burst into the next house and the occupant telephoned to the police.

The trial continues today.

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e start of the new Official ets Act trial at the Central inal Court on Monday is oubt after the sudden ill- yesterday of Mr Justice s, who was due to preside. *urt officials are expected* ecide today whether the of the trial should be oned or whether it should head with a new judge.

Justice Willis, who is 70, taken ill while summing n a murder *trial at the* He was taken to St holomew's Hospital and ned for observation. His ition last night was sat- tory.

hen it was clear that the e could not continue, the jury was discharged and a new trial ordered.

A spokesman of the judge said he was "slightly indisposed", but he could not say if he was likely to be well enough to start the trial on Monday.

Mr Justice Willis presided over the first Official Secrets Act trial at the Central Criminal Court until he abandoned it on Monday after 10 days because of disclosures about three members of the jury on a television programme last Saturday night.

The judge ordered a new trial and said it was possible the jury might have been prejudiced by the television report disclosing that three jurors had signed the Official Secrets Act and that one of them was a former member of the Special Air Service Regiment (SAS).

He referred the matter, which he described as "gratuitous journalistic gossip", to Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, for him to decide whether any action should be taken. No decision has been reached.

Yesterday the board of London Weekend Television, the company responsible for the *Saturday Night People* programme, on which the disclosure was made, discussed at its monthly meeting what had happened, but made no comment afterwards.

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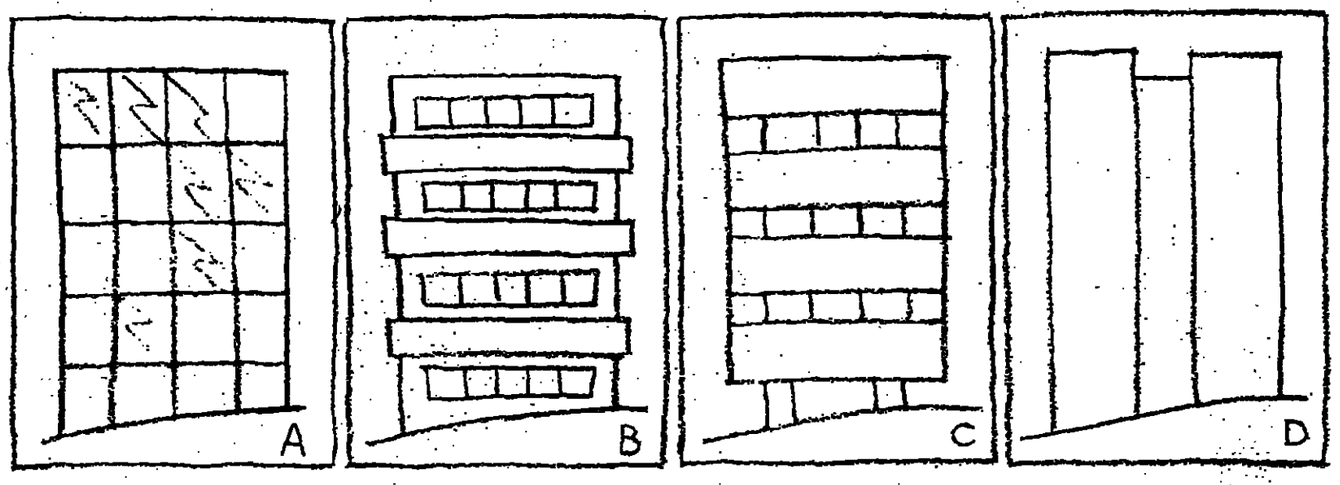

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Scrutiny is urged of parts played by ministry, Treasury and Bank in Crown Agents' activities

Scrutiny of the parts played by the Ministry of Overseas Development, the Treasury and the Bank of England in the Crown Agents affair, involving £200m losses, was urged by Mr Robert Gatehouse, QC, at the tribunal of inquiry yesterday.

He said the tribunal would have to find out whether those bodies did enough to investigate the Crown Agents' "own account" activities, and when they did find out whether they did enough to control the situation and prevent it *from getting* worse.

Mr Gatehouse, for the tribunal, said that much of a £750,000 loan made to Big City Finance in February, 1974, found its way into the pockets of Mr Bernard Wheatley, the agents' sterling Money Market manager, and his codirectors of Sterling Industrial Securities.

He said it was in respect of two loans made to Mr Wheatley—he is now dead—that Mr Sidney Finey, a financier, who controlled Big City Finance, was convicted at the Central Criminal Court last July of corruption.

Sterling Industrial Securities was formed in June, 1969, with Mr Wheatley, Mr Finley and Mr Sidney Davidson, a West End solicitor, as directors, Mr Gatehouse added.

Mr Finley had controlled the old Sterling Industrial Securities company, which later changed its name to Big City *Finance, and also controlled a* money lending subsidiary known as Anchor Investment Personal Loan Finance Ltd.

"The documents will show", counsel continued, "that between 1969 and 1974 Mr Wheatley had *borrowed from Anchor* a total of £322,000. The first two loans were free of interest altogether, the first six were not covered by any of the standard money lending documents, and in no case was any security given by Mr Wheatley.

"Then we get the critical five days beginning on February 20, 1974, when Mr Wheatley, as the sterling Money Market manager, authorized the Crown Agents' loan to Big City Finance of £750,000.

"On February 22 that sum was received into Big City Finance's bank account with SIS Ltd. On the same day the money-lending subsidiary, Anchor, paid £229,000 to Mr Davidson, the managing director of SIS, £20,000 to Mr Finley, and £168,000 to Mr Wheatley without taking any security *from him.*

"On the following Monday, February 25", Mr Gatehouse continued, "SIS credited the Anchor bank account with the £750,000. From the sum that Wheatley borrowed on the Friday, £168,000, he discharged a lien on his house of £20,000; he repaid to Anchor his then previous outstanding debt of £58,000 and he then repaid the overdraft he had with another merchant bank of £80,000, which he had borrowed to buy shares at an earlier date."

In February, 1974, counsel said, a number of secondary banks were in the gravest difficulty. SIS shares were worth nothing like the loan then made to Big City Finance.

On April 24 a further £14,000 was lent to Mr Wheatley by Anchor, again unsecured, leaving a total borrowing in round figures of £182,000 by Mr Wheatley.

Mr Gatehouse said: "We say that the Crown Agents' £750,000 must, to Mr Wheatley's knowledge, have been used for a purpose which cannot possibly be justified on any view whatsoever. In fact, a large part of that sum found its way into his own pocket and the pockets of his codirectors."

Counsel listed the questions the tribunal might consider on the agents' involvement in what he described as the English and Continental "mark one and two" operations.

He said that a number of questions would arise on the original English and Continental Property Company as it developed. Why was there no prior advice of the proposed investment given to the Crown *Agents' board, to obtain its approval before going into a* venture of that type and size?

Was the chairman's approval even sought, and if so, was he properly informed of what the project involved?

He added that there were references later in the history of Sir Claude Hayes thinking it was merely a quite small investment of £51,000. It looked as though he was not aware of the very considerable lending that would be involved or of the very rapid expansion that was planned.

Why was the Ministry of Overseas Development not told before the investment was made: particularly as it was undoubtedly a new type of venture, a property development company with, one would have thought, possible political repercussions.

Massive development of low cost housing sometimes created awkward questions, and companies that indulged in that kind of activity were not always kindly regarded by some politicians.

Another question to be considered was when were the ministry informed. Apparently they were not told about its existence even after a meeting at the ministry in April, 1970, which was prompted by a press article on the Crown Agents.

Why were 37 properties owned by the Crown Agents transferred to English and Continental in 1970-71 at cost price plus interest, without a valuation? he asked.

In what circumstances did the Crown Agents' lending to English and Continental come to exceed the £20m debenture by £3m? Perhaps, most important, there was the question of the "comfort letters" issued by the Crown Agents (letters given to elicit loans from the Money Market for English and Continental Property Company).

The questions that arose on English and Continental "mark two" were whether the ministry was told about the regeneration of the English and Continental operations in a new guise.

Why, having made a gross profit of £17m (£11m net after tax), did the Crown Agents start out on that kind of operation again, *bearing in mind that* their target of £7m for the ultimate size of their reserves was achieved two years before it was expected?

Mr Gatehouse said there were issues arising from the *outside bodies involved. It* would obviously be necessary to give close consideration to the part played by the Ministry of Overseas Development and its predecessors.

Perhaps the most important question was whether the ministry's view as to the extent of its responsibility to the Crown Agents was correct and whether that view was correctly applied in practice; whether the ministry took sufficient steps to inform itself of the extent of the agents "own account" operations; whether it ought to have curtailed them further or attempted to do so; and whether it acted with sufficient expedition.

The hearing continues on Monday.

More exercise 'would cut cost of the NHS'

By Alan Hamilton

More money spent on even simple sports facilities could substantially reduce the cost of operating the National Health Service, now running at £5,500m a year, Mr Richard Jeeps, chairman of the Sports Council, said yesterday.

Armed with a new report drawn up by Nottingham University Medical School on the benefits to health of regular exercise, the council has written to Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State at the Department of Health, urging him to allocate more government funds to sport, which it regards as a form of preventive medicine.

Both the council and the authors of the report, Professor Peter Fentem and Dr Joan Bassey, paint a picture of the British as a lazy, lethargic, overweight and unfit race who will not run when they can walk, and will not walk when they can sit down.

The report says that nearly a third of all adults over the age of 30 suffer from obesity, defined as being 10 per cent or *more over the ideal weight for* height. According to the Sports Council, no more than 14 per cent of the population takes any form of useful regular exercise.

In the absence of any immediate increase in funds for *additional sports facilities*, the council yesterday launched a publicity campaign, at a cost of £100,000, in the hope of encouraging more people to take up forms of exercise that require no special facilities or *equipment.*

The campaign, called "Sport for All—Come Alive", extols the healthy benefits of walking, cycling, jogging and swimming. "The aim is to get people away from the television and out of their front door", Mr Jeeps said.

The Sports Council effort is in addition to the campaign being run by the Health Education Council on the value of exercise.

Mr John Disley, vice-chairman of the Sports Council, said that most people were not "turned on" by sport, and it *was necessary to promote forms* of exercise that were both healthy and enjoyable.

As a guide to fitness, the council is suggesting a "10-minute mile", covered on the flat by a combination of walking and jogging, as the average level that should be attained by men between 35 and 45 years old.

Beyond 45, the duration of the test mile should be extended by one minute for every extra five years of age. Women are allowed an extra two minutes.

Professor Fentem, whose report, *The Case for Exercise*, is being presented to the Government as evidence of the need for more *sports facilities*, said a long-term change to a more active life style was needed.

The case for exercise as an insurance against cardiovascular disease, diabetes and hypertension was growing stronger all the time, although the actual bodily mechanism was not yet fully understood.

It was particularly important, Professor Fentem said, for the elderly to take regular exercise to keep joints supple and improve muscles and circulation. For the overweight, exercise was *an essential adjunct* to dietary control.

To encourage Londoners to a healthier life style the Sports Council, with the aid of the Greater London Council, is to open a 2,000-metre jogging *track at Crystal Palace next* month. It is sending suggestions to all local authorities for the construction of "trim trails", simple exercise parks that can be built at low cost.

After yesterday's announcement *Sports Council officials*, doctors and reporters who had taken the lift to the council's fourth-floor office rather than tackle the 80 steps, stayed on for gins, whiskies, meat pies, sausage rolls and crisps.

New fund needed to save Labo paper

By Ian Bradley

Socialist Commentar more than 25 years th of the intellectual right Labour Party, is to cea cation unless it can raise new funds.

Mr Peter Stephens editor, said yesterday monthly paper had inte review its future after ber election. As the had been postponed ther be an urgent appeal fo at the Labour Party co next month. About £3, needed to keep the pap

The paper was startec under the title *Socia guard* by a group of émigrés who had c Britain before or dur war. From 1948 until was edited by Dr Rita who established it as a tion of considerable i in the Labour Party. It was merged with the Labour paper, *Forward* by the late Lord Williams.

Socialist Com achieved its greatest i on thinking in the Labo during the 1950s and 1 strongly supported Hu skell against attacks f left although it fell him concerning Europ

In 1967 Dr David O David Marquand and Professor John Mackint the paper to make th brated attack on the vision and purpose by son government. Mr M and Professor Mackint never forgiven for the

Several members of sent Cabinet first d their ideas publicly in t of *Socialist Commen* Frederick Mulley was editorial committee 1950s and Mr William had a regular colum 1960s. Mrs Shirley and Mr Samuel Silkin regular contributors.

Socialist Comment quently angered the left and in the early 19 left-wingers went so say that it was finance American Central In Agency. Its financ always been precari have relied on donati a group of well-wishe themselves "Friends *list Commentary*".

In its heyday the pa culation was around 6 it is less than 3,000. Mr son said that he did its present difficulties a decline in the soc cratic wing of the Lab ment. He thought ra the paper might have its usefulness in its form.

"I think the real r that while for left-wi there is a clear journals of their *Tribune*, for people centre right of the Party it is relatively find outlets in nation like *The Times* and in tical weeklies. People as we do no longer need for a separate

Next month's issue *list Commentary* will lished next week car usual features, inclu signed column "Note: Way", which Dame Cole has contributed than 20 years. Aft depending on the mo comes in after the ap paper's trustees will whether it can contir if so in what form.

Firms to be offered cheap travel in London

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Cut-price bus and Underground tickets are to be offered to London firms as part of a new drive by London Transport to encourage greater use of the capital's public transport system.

The tickets will be sold in books, probably at about 10 per cent discount, Mr Ralph Bennett, chairman of London Transport, said yesterday. How firms disposed of them to their staff was up to them.

London Transport, whose image has been suffering for many years while performance and traffic declined, has decided that with better service and more aggressive marketing it can increase traffic over the next 10 years even if there is a further fall in London's population.

Its market share, which has declined from 40 to about 37 per cent of total London journeys, can be got back to 40 per cent, yielding an extra £30m to £40m a year on today's revenue of £320m, it thinks.

But it realizes that that cannot be achieved without radical changes in an organization which Mr Bennett admitted had become over-centralized.

Mr John Stansby, the new deputy chairman, a management consultant brought in from private industry by the Tory administration at County Hall earlier this year, has prepared a plan for decentralized management which Mr Bennett described as "the biggest management change in London Transport's fifty years' existence".

The big central service departments like finance and personnel are to be broken down and put under the direct control of the bus and Tube operators, who in turn will be broken down into smaller units more responsive to *local needs.*

When something goes wrong with the service people will be able to get in touch with someone locally to find out why.

"It is not reorganization for reorganization's sake", Mr *Bennett said*, "but to give the local manager more say. You could call it our version of *Small is Beautiful*. The object is better service to the customer. If it does not improve bus and train services the whole thing is in vain."

Besides the discount fares scheme, London Transport will be looking at the expansion of private hire, special services for tourists, and other ways to increase traffic. New planning and marketing managers will be appointed.

Commenting on the plans, Mr Horace Cutler, Leader of the Greater London Council, said: "The council is naturally keen to see *improvements in London Transport's services* and performance. I am sure this requirement has been borne in mind by London Transport in drawing up these proposals. "It would be inappropriate for me to comment in detail on *the proposals; their success or* failure will be demonstrated solely by London Transport's results after the initial transition period."

Mr Tadao Kato, the Japanese Ambassador to London, has sold his Datsun and bought this 4.2 litre Jaguar XJ saloon. His wife is shown with him trying out the car.

Lead-damage case review opens today

By Trevor Fishlock

A pre-trial review of the case in which three children are suing Shell and BP, alleging their health is being damaged by lead in petrol fumes, opens in London today.

The companies will try to have the claims rejected on the grounds that they are vexatious *and an abuse of the court.*

Through their parents the children are also suing the Ford Motor Company and Associated Octel, which makes lead additives for petrol and in which Shell and BP have a large interest.

The claims say the defendants are poisoning the air and causing brain damage to children. They refer to new studies showing that even minute quantities of lead in the blood can cause brain damage in children.

The children, all living in West London, have had blood tests. They show that the lead in their blood is within the range at which, research has shown, children can be adversely affected.

The claims refer to West Germany, the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan, where lead in petrol is strictly limited. In Britain, the claims say, 9,000 tonnes of lead annually is emitted into the atmosphere in petrol fumes, and that contributes substantially to the amount of lead in urban children.

The petrol companies, the claims say, have not taken the precaution of lowering the level of poison in petrol, have not sufficiently researched the mental and physical damage to children, have not reacted swiftly and prudently to disquieting research, and have not kept city air as clear as children require for safety.

In addition, Ford have not fitted filters to British cars to control lead emissions, and have continued to make polluting and noxious vehicles, the claims say.

The children are claiming £1 damages for assault, trespass, negligence and nuisance; and £1 special damages for the inconvenience of not being safe near main roads.

The claims, to be heard at the Mayor's and City of London Court, are made in the names of Gulliver Handley, aged eight months, Fidel Budden, aged two, and Merlyn Albery-Speyer, aged two.

The parents want to tell the court that petrol-lead is an important part of lead pollution. Their action is part of a growing concern about the effects of petrol-lead.

So far the Government and the petrol and petrol-lead industries have been largely silent on the subject; when the Government has commented it has usually been dismissive or reassuring.

The parents in the London case will try to put before the court the correspondence they have had recently with the West German Ministry of Transport.

The ministry says that West Germany has lowered the lead content of petrol because there was a "realization that the concentration of lead compounds in exhausts is a health hazard. Lead in exhaust gases is particularly dangerous.

"Traffic in West Germany is so heavy that in many districts the lead content of the air reaches a multiple of the recommended thresholds. Over 95 per cent of the total lead in the *atmosphere is derived from* lead added to petrol."

Since Germany reduced the amount of lead in petrol the lead content of the air has been reduced by up to 60 per cent, the ministry says.

Booklet aims to 'debunk myth about race and IQ'

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Thirty thousand copies of a 15-page booklet aimed at "*debunking the myths about* race and intelligence" are being distributed by the National Union of Teachers to its members throughout Britain.

The guide has been written for the union by Professor *Steven Rose, professor of* biology at the Open University and director of the university's brain research group, and Mr Kenneth Richardson, lecturer in psychology at the university, who is also a member of the *research group.* The booklet was compiled after consultation with teachers and other authorities in the field.

The authors say that the word "race" has very little, if anything, to do with biology; that *more* than 94 per cent of all genetic differences between individuals are found within a given race rather than between races; that intelligence tests may help to predict a child's performance in school but say nothing about his fixed biological potential; and that it is not scientifically meaningful to divide a child's performance into genetic or environmental components.

The booklet's basic message for teachers is, in other words, that there is no direct relationship between the colour of a child's skin and his mental ability. Teachers should therefore be careful not to try to explain the low achievement of many black children on the basis of their low IQ.

Numerous studies have shown, on the other hand, that the teacher's expectations have a significant effect on a child's performance.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the booklet did a valuable job in debunking myths and clarifying issues on a very complex and sensitive issue.

The union was opposed not only to racial discrimination, but also to racialist ideas, which could be even more pernicious in their effect. They could feed back into education, poisoning relations within schools and affecting the teachers' assessment of human potential and ability.

"There is a need for the teaching profession to speak out on this subject", he said.

Mr Jarvis said that he did not think that Professor Rose's reputation as a Marxist would affect the credibility or acceptability of the views expressed in the pamphlet. Professor Rose was one of the main targets of Professor Julius Gould's attack on the Marxist penetration of higher education, published last September by the Institute for the Study of Conflict.

Race, Education, Intelligence (National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1 9BD.)

Liverpool social workers likely to join dispute

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

A lengthy strike by 700 social workers in Newcastle upon Tyne, Southwark and Tower Hamlets, both in London, may spread soon to Liverpool, where 250 social workers are to vote on whether a ballot should be called for a stoppage.

It seems likely that Liverpool will join the dispute, which may also spread to other areas, over a claim that social workers should be allowed to negotiate pay and conditions locally instead of nationally. Lewisham social workers, in London, are also contemplating action.

Employers are determined to resist the claim, although they have some sympathy with the wages grievance. The maximum rate for a qualified social worker after a one or two-year, full-time course, is £4,368.

The employers have offered to discuss with the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) a proposed interim review of salaries and grades. Any changes, however, would be *subject to the Government's* pay policy.

The union has refused discussions, and demands an end to national bargaining.

Nalgo has established a strike operations committee to oversee the dispute; its first meeting will be today. The union said today: "We expect that the strike will be stepped up. More branches will be asking us for permission to take action."

The union refused a request for action by Brent social workers because it felt there was scope for fruitful talks. Most of Britain's 11,000 social workers are represented by Nalgo, and some by the National Union of Public Employees.

Theft of clothing firm's master file alleged

Peter Ranicar, aged 28, a salesman, accused of stealing an industrial document from Levi Strauss Ltd, the clothing company, was remanded on bail until October 12 at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Mr Ranicar, of Ashfield Grove, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Greater Manchester, was charged with stealing a customer master file from the company between March 31 and August 3 last.

Remanded on bail to the same date accused of handling the stolen file were Frank Ellis, aged 32, a sales manager, of Braemar Avenue, Dunblane, central Scotland; Margaret Fox, aged 29, a public relations officer, of Hillfield Park, Muswell Hill; and Wendy Donovan, aged 26, a secretary, of Millmark Grove, New Cross, both London.

Transfusion error

An inquiry is to be held into how a patient at the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, was given the wrong type of blood during a transfusion. The man, Mr George Bessey, aged 73, later died.

Final report on European seats submitted

By Our Political Reporter

The Boundary Commission's report with final recommendations on the 66 European Parliament constituencies in England have been submitted to Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary.

Mr Rees is expected to lay the report before Parliament soon after it reassembles, together with a draft Order in Council giving effect, with or without modifications, to the recommendations. If modifications are proposed, a statement of reasons must be laid.

The draft order is subject to approval by both Houses of Parliament. All three main parties submitted changes to the proposals when the provisional recommendations were pub*lished in May.*

By helicopter to the Highlands

Scotland's first helicopter service is expected to begin next month with four-seat helicopters making the 200-mile round trip between Glasgow and Fort William five times a week. The proposed single fare is £25.

The Highlands and Islands Development Board and district and regional councils are helping to finance the service, for which a licence is expected from the Civil Aviation Authority this month.

Court guarded as three Arabs are remanded

Armed policemen guarded Lambeth Magistrates' Court, *London, yesterday during the* brief appearance of three Arabs, one of them charged with the murder of an Israeli air hostess and the other two accused of conspiring to murder the former Iraqi Ambassador.

Fahad Mihyi, aged 22, is accused of killing Miss Init Gidron during an attack on an El Al coach in London. The magistrate was told that the police had still not satisfactorily established his identity. He was further remanded in custody until next Thursday.

Miss Khoulood Moghrabi, aged 19, from Lebanon, and Mahmoud Abu Nasani, aged 30, were also remanded until next week. Both are accused of conspiring to murder Mr Taha Ahmed Al'Dawood, the former Iraqi Ambassador in London. Miss Moghrabi is also accused of causing an explosion outside the Iraqi Embassy in Queen's Gate, London.

Five men and a woman, all British, also made a further brief appearance accused of conspiring to cause explosions in the United Kingdom and the theft of guns and ammunition. They were remanded for a week.

Cars sent into river

Three cars were taken from a car park early yesterday morning and sent from a jetty into the river Ouse at York.

BBC refuses to ban National Front broadcasts during general election

By Robert Parker

Mr Ian Trethowan, Director-General of the BBC, has told the Anti Nazi League that the corporation could not possibly consider the league's call for a ban on National Front election broadcasts and editorial coverage during the next general election.

Last week Mr Peter Hain, spokesman for the league, sent letters to Mr Trethowan and Sir Brian Young, Director-General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, arguing that the National Front should be refused the five-minute broadcast on radio and television to which it is entitled under the current practice governing election broadcasts.

Mr Trethowan replied to Mr Hain: "This is a proposition the BBC could not possibly accept. However much the policies of a party may be condemned by the vast majority of voters, be it the National Front, the Communists, the Socialist Workers, if they are legally constituted and fulfil the requirements agreed at the time, then they should be allowed television access on radio and television to the voters.

"If there are to be exceptions, who is to make the decision, the Director-General of the BBC, the Anti Nazi League, the National Association for Freedom, the Government? One only has to pose the question to see where this process might lead.

"You also ask that the National Front should not be given access to news and current affairs programmes during the election. But, again, who is to decide the exceptions to normal journalistic practice?

"The National Front should be given the coverage in our election reporting which their position in the election calls for, no more and no less.

"There is, of course, a special problem with small extremist groups on the left and right whose activities are aimed at creating far more coverage on the media than the tiny size of their support would justify. That is a real problem we will have to meet editorially."

Mr Trethowan said that for the BBC to act any differently "would be to abrogate proper journalistic standards and start what could be an immensely dangerous process of undermining democratic procedures in this country.

"All that having been said, I am bound to say I do not believe our democracy is so fragile that it could not take the occasional appearance on the air of groups or people whose policies seek to undermine democracy", he added.

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The Dawoodi Bohra Community is particularly well known in Asia and Africa, and in recent years has begun to establish itself also in the West. The community has been held together through the centuries, surviving the buffetings of fate and the vicissitudes of history by maintaining intact their identity, their traditional philosophy and their cultural heritage.

The Dawoodi Bohras believe that there is one God and that Mohammed Rasulullah is His Prophet to whom He revealed the Holy Book, the Quran. From him there is a line of Imams in succession, each of whom was appointed by his immediate predecessor. The 21st Imam, Maulana Tayeb, went into a state of Seclusion known as the "Satra" in 1130 (A.D. 1711) and his descendants have continued to do so. However, before assuming "Satra" he devolved all his powers and authority upon a Vice-Regent, known as the Dai-el-Mutlaq. His Holiness Dr Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin is the 52nd Dai-el-Mutlaq.

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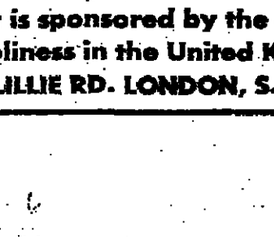
In this he is assisted by the community's Central Organization, which works to keep the community integrated despite the fact that it is far-flung and therefore subject to the pressures of varied environments and cultures.

Dawoodi Bohras have a rich history and cultural heritage called Fatemi after Faema, daughter of Prophet Mohammed and her consort Amirul Momineen Maulana Ali. Fatemi Imams, in their golden era, founded the city of Cairo and the famed Al-Azhar University, the oldest institution of its kind in the world. The Fatemi Imams, twenty-one in direct succession, continued till 1132 A.D. when the twenty-first went into seclusion on prior preparations made by his predecessor. Earlier, the twentieth Imam had directed his grand emissary in Yemen to establish the institution of vicegerent of the Imam when the twenty-first Imam went into seclusion at the appropriate time. The vicegerent came to be known as Dai-el-Mutlaq and carried on his mission from Yemen in the name of the Imams with all the authority and power inherent in that high office. Twenty-three Dai-el-Mutlaqs functioned in Yemen for nearly 400 years before the seat of the Mission was shifted to India.



His Holiness Dr Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin

The spiritual and temporal leader of the Dawoodi Bohra Community who arrives in Great Britain today by Air India from Bombay enroute to the United States of America.

During his short stay in the country His Holiness will meet important and leading personalities, besides his followers.

Yemen to India

In or about the second quarter of the 18th century, religious persecution of a violent character overtook the Fatemi followers. The Dai-el-Mutlaq, looking out for a safe asylum, decided that India, of the co-existence of differen and the prevalence of religious ance on the part of its peopl the right place. And so, H Syedna Yusuf Najmuddin comr his mission in Gujarat as t Dai in India. From then on th sion has spread to other p India. Out of a million D Bohras all over the world, Inc the largest number—the majo them being in Bombay and parts of Maharashtra, Madhy desh, Gujarat and Rajasthan. mother tongue is Gujarati they speak Urdu and some ages of the States where th domiciled.

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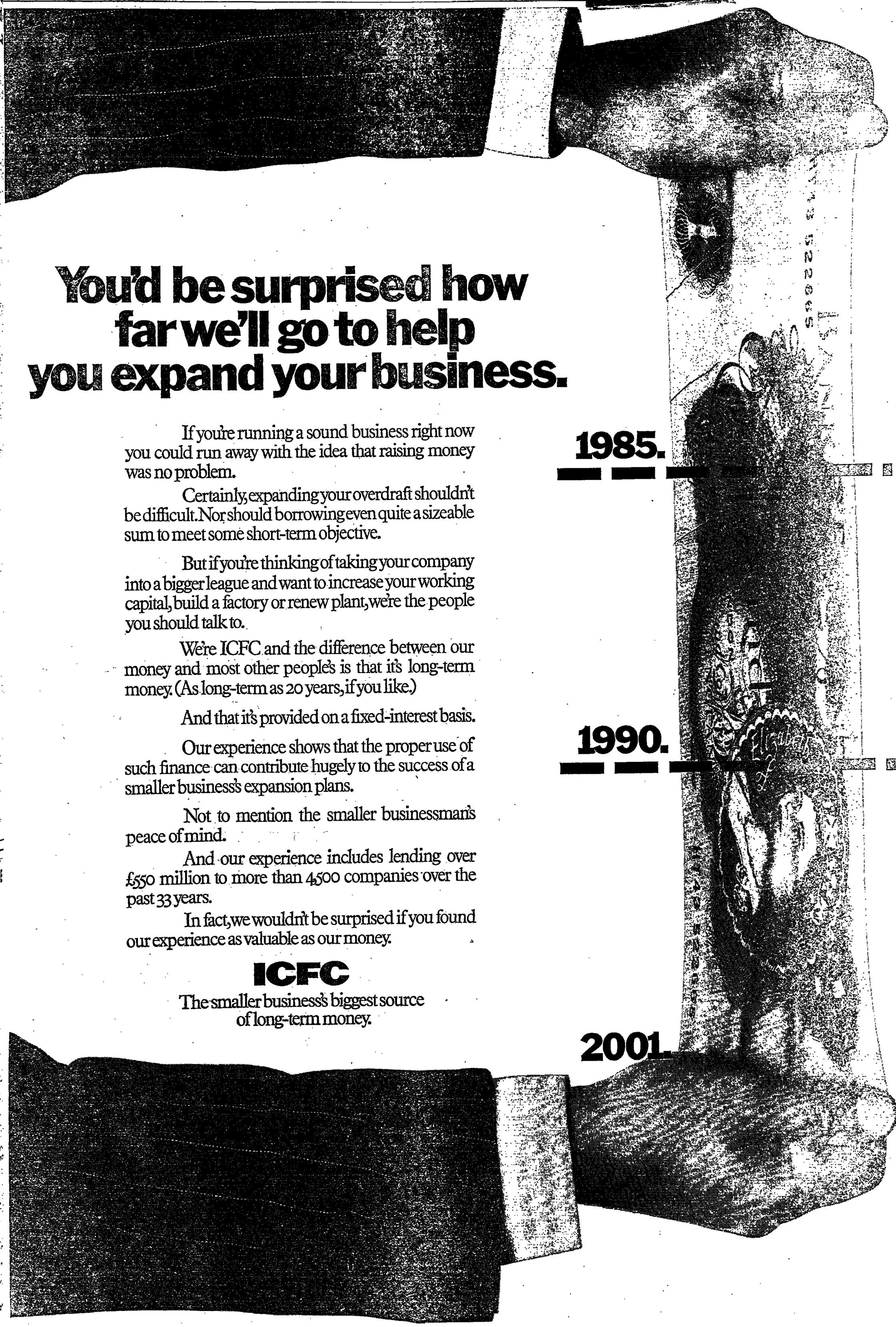

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WEST EUROPE

Limited disruption expected from new French air action

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Sept 21

Disruption caused by the French air traffic controllers, whose indefinite work-to-rule begins at noon tomorrow, is likely to be limited in effect because the peak holiday season has pased, the Ministry of Tarnsport said todoy.

In a statement issued this morning, it said conditions were unlikely to be different from what they are normally at this time of year. "It is not by invoking regulations and standard procedures that the air traffic controllers can disrupt the smooth and even flow of air traffic", the statement said. But it added that the controllers' action was prejudicial to air transport because of the uncertainty it would provoke among the public.

The ministry renewed the threat that it would draw all the necessary consequences of the action, with regard to bonuses. Last month it withheld payment of bonuses as a penalty for the previous "work to rule" in August.

The controllers made their decision to resume the work-to-rule in an attempt to put renewd pressure on the Government to meet their demands for more pay, better working conditions and improved air safety measures.

Discussions with the Ministry of Transport last week proved abortive. The controllers' representatives considered the Government's proposals to be inadequate.

At a meeting at Aix-en-Provence yesterday, the controllers decided to resume "strict enforcement of regulations and procedures", and to refuse to carry out subsidiary tasks

The controllers are aware that with the passing of the peak holiday season their action is not likely to prove a very effective stick with which to beat the Government. However, there are indications that they hope to further their claims by causing inconvenience and irritation to the regular business clientele of the domestice air line, Air Inter.

An amusing sidelight to the controllers' meeting yesterday was the three-hour delay caused by landing gear trouble on their aircraft.

British hopes: Airport authorities in Britoi nare hopeful that, with the peak holiday period over, they can prevent a repetition of tht long delays endured by thousands of holidaymakers last month. More chairs are being brought into airports and catering facilities increased to help passengers.

The Civil Aviation Authority said it could not predict the effects of the latest action being taken.

Socialist candidate's grin is winning Nancy poster war

'Prince of Lorraine' faces double challenge in second round poll

From Ian Murray
Nancy, Sept 21

M Yvon Tondon is a rare thing in Lorraine these days—a trade union leader in the steel industry with a smile on his face.

Only yesterday the French Government announced plans to rescue the ailing steel industry which involve the loss of many thousands of jobs, many of them in the steel works around Nancy.

The reason for M Tondon's smile is that he is the Socialist candidate in next Sunday's by-election in Nancy. The Government announcement has made it even more likely that he will succeed in unseating M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, leader of the Radical Party, and thus one of the best-known personalities in the Government majority coalition.

Last March, in the general election M Servan-Schreiber held the seat against M Tondon by only 22 votes out of an electorate of 79,533. This was reduced to only four on appeal to the Constitutional Council, which subsequently decided to call for a second poll.

In the first round of the by-election last Sunday there were 10 candidates and M Tondon finished well in front with "J-J S-S", as the Radical leader is often called, a poor second.

The various candidates of the left polled between them 4,009 more votes than the various candidates of the Majority parties. Over 40 per cent abstained and M Servan-Schreiber will have to pick up around 60 per cent of any extra votes cast if he is to stand a chance of hanging on to his seat next Sunday.

Hence the smile on M Tondon's face, despite the unemployment figures and the sad poster his party supplies: "Two thousand more unemployed each day under the Barre plan."

The grin on M Tondon's face is much in evidence in Nancy, plastered on walls and hoardings all over the city. The signs are that when it comes to posters his supporters are certainly winning. On the few posters left on the walls M Servan-Schreiber is showing a not surprisingly worried face.

M Servan-Schreiber's worries are by no means confined to the challenge from the left. He knows he cannot rely on the support of the Gaullists (despite their symbol of the Cross of Lorraine) who ostensibly are part of his Majority coalition.

The candidate backed by the Gaullists said last night that he really could not give his supporters any advice as to who to vote for in the second round. This is in marked contrast to the Communists, who have instructed their followers to vote for M Tondon.

M Servan-Schreiber's difficulties are further underlined today by a Gaullist city councillor who has asked the local newspaper, *L'Est Républicain*, to publish a form of correction. Although he would not go against his party's ruling that support should be given to the Majority candidate, he said, he really could not allow it to be thought that he wanted his name associated with M Servan-Schreiber.

The Radical leader has also earned unpopularity locally by his recent attempt to switch his seat from Nancy to Bordeaux. This disloyalty has attracted obscene graffiti on his few surviving posters.

The campaign headquarters of the two candidates are within spitting distance of each other in the lovely eighteenth century heart of Nancy, although M Tondon's office is suitably situated in a scruffy backstreet, while M Servan-Schreiber has his right in the renovated central square—a setting worthy of the "Prince of Lorraine", his favoured nickname.

Long prison terms are sought for ex-ministers

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Sept 21

The prosecution in the Lockheed bribery trial called for both imprisonment and fines for the two former Defence ministers accused of corruption.

The principal accused are Mario Tanassai, a Social Democrat and Luigi Gui, a Christian Democrat.

In the first trial in Italy's postwar history involving former Cabinet ministers on charges arising from their official duties, the prosecution called for nine years' imprisonment and a fine of 1m lire (£700) for Signor Tanassi and six years' imprisonment with 600,000 lire in fines for Signor Gui.

For General Duilio Fanali, a former head of the Air Force, the prosecution sought a sentence of seven years' imprisonment and a fine of 900,000 lire.

The highest sentences were requested for the brothers Antonio and Ovidio Lefebvre, who represented Lockheed in Italy. The prosecution asked for nine years' imprisonment and a fine of 1.2m lire for both.

The court will sit again on October 3 to hear the case for the defence.

Rome, Sept 21.—The prosecution alleged that the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation paid bribes to the three men to push a $60m (£30m) sale of 14 C130 Hercules military transport aircraft. All three have pleaded not guilty.

The United States Senate sub-committee on multinational corporations two years ago released documents stating that Lockheed paid $1.8m to push sales in Italy.

A verdict in the case was expected in about a month's time. The trial has already lasted four months and 19 days.

Repercussions of the bribery scandal have reached the highest circles in Italy. President Giovanni Leone resigned on June 15 after the news media accused him of evading taxes and helping the Lefebvre brothers and others in a number of business deals.

Earlier this year Parliament ignored a Radical Party demand that Signor Leone be brought to trial along with Signor Gui and Signor Tanassi os an alleged accomplice.—UPI.

'Hypocrisy' over rights is deplored

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Sept 21

President Tsatsos of Greece today deplored the "multinational hypocrisy" of governments that paid lip-service to human rights at the same time as they violated them.

He was opening a two-day symposium of legal experts, sponsored by the Council of Europe to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coming into force of the European Convention on Human Rights. The experts will discuss the convention in relation to the more recent measures enacted by the Helsinki Convention, the United Nations and the European Community.

Sir Idwal Pugh, Britain's Ombudsman, is attending the meeting, accompanied by Mr Stephen McGonagle, his counterpart for Northern Ireland. Three British delegates to the Council of Europe Assembly, Mr A. W. J. Lewis and Mr John Watkinson (Labour), Mr W. P. Grieve (Conservative) are also present.

President Tsatsos told the meeting: "Human rights are cited as evidence of their political standards by all nations, even when the affirmation of those principles is not compatible with the facts.

"This multinational hypocrisy is deplorable, certainly, but it does prove the universal extent to which the fundamental principles of human rights are recognized. Even those who violate them are constrained to try to conceal their transgressions behind a front of righteous utterances."

British Embassy damaged in squatter protest

The Hague, Sept 21.—Dutch police today arrested about 40 demonstrators who barricaded the front door of the British Embassy here and smashed windows in protest against a police swoop on squatters evicted from a site in Huntley Street, London, three weeks ago.

The Embassy staff were taking afternoon tea inside the building when the protesters piled out of a van and started daubing slogans and setting off smoke bombs, eyewimesses said.

The demonstrators, who said they came from towns all over Holland, were taken away for questioning.—Reuter.

Mr Huang calls for united Europe during Greek visit

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Sept 21

Mr Huang Hua, the Chinese Foreign Minister, arrived in Athens today on an official visit to sign a Greek-Chinese cultural agreement, the first between China and a European country since the Cultural *Revolution*.

The visitor had talks tonight with Mr George Rallis, the Greek Foreign Minister, who recently went to Moscow trying to warm up Greek-Soviet relations. Bilateral questions are to be taken up at tomorrow's second meeting. Later Mr Huang will see Mr George Panayotopoulos, the Minister of Commerce, himself a recent visitor to Peking.

Mr Huang will be received by President Tsatsos and Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the *Prime Minister*.

The visit seems to fall in the context of both Peking's recent approaches to other Balkan countries, and Greece's efforts to diversify its foreign relations. But it is clear that the Greek Government would not let its contacts with China disturb the recent improvement in Greek-Soviet relations.

The Chinese Foreign Minister indicated that he was aware of this by avoiding all criticism of the Soviet Union. He did say, however, that "a united and powerful Europe is vitally important to the maintenance of world peace and European security."

Mr Huang whose wife paid a flying visit to the north of Greece to admire Philip's tomb at Vergina and its gold treasure, will visit the Acropolis of Athens and a modern shipyard before flying to New York on *Sunday to represent his country* at the United Nations General Assembly.

Pope reaffirms importance of the family

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Sept 21

Pope John Paul reminded a group of American bishops here today of the importance of the indissolubility of Christian marriage.

He said: "Although it is a difficult part of our message, we must proclaim it faithfully as part of God's word, part of the mystery of faith. At the same time we are close to our people in their problems and difficulties.

"They must always know that we love them. Today we want to express our admiration and praise for all the efforts being made to guard and preserve the family as God made it, as God wants it.

"We believe that the Christian family is a good place to start", he said.

Offers for liner

Genoa, Sept 21.—An American and a Japanese company have offered to buy Italy's last transatlantic liner, the 33,500-ton Leonardo da Vinci. Both companies offered $8m (£4m) for the ship, which sailed here on its last voyage on Monday.

Italy knights its World Cup players

Rome, Sept 21.—The football players who won fourth place for Italy in the World Cup in Argentina were made Knights of the Order of Merit of the *Italian Republic today*. Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister, handed the insignia to 19 of the 22 team players—three were absent because of injuries—and a number of officials.

It was the third knighthood for Dino Zoff, the 36-year-old goalkeeper. He was knighted before when Italy won the 1968 European Championship and again when Italy came second in the 1970 world Cup.

Signor Franco Carraro, president of the Italian Foorball Federation, thanked the Prime Minister, whom he said was "one of the few people who had confidence in us" before the World Cup began.—UPI.

Hashish at sea

The Hague, Sept 21.—Nearly 900lb of hashish has been washed ashore along the Dutch coast in the past week. Police said it was probably thrown overboard from a ship forced to seek shelter in port from storms.

OVERSEAS

Rhodesia says raids on Mozambique bases are continuing

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Sept 21

Rhodesian military forces were still in Mozambique today carrying out what combined operations headquarters described as self-defensive operations against guerrilla bases. "We are in there (Mozambique), and have nothing further to add to last night's communiqué", the headquarters said. A brief statement announcing the start of the raid—the fifth across Rhodesia's eastern border—was issued last night.

[The Mozambique Government remained officially silent on the Rhodesian claims today (Lawrence Pintak writes from Maputo). Frelimo officials and members of Mr Robert Mugabe's guerrilla group added that they had heard nothing from the border areas.]

Meanwhile the transitional Government today denied a report in a local African weekly newspaper, the *National Observer*, that the final draft of the proposed majority rule constitution had been approved by the Executive Council and was in the hands of the government printer.

The paper described what it called the "major aspects" of the document, including provision for an executive, not constitutional president.

A Government spokesman said the Executive Council had only seen part of the draft, and had not fully approved it. It had not gone to the printers. There would be provision for a constitutional president.

I understand that there are still a number of areas where complete agreement has not been reached. For example, the name of the new state is apparently in dispute, with the white members of the Executive and Ministerial councils wanting to retain "Rhodesia", supported by Chief Jeremiah Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe United Peoples' Orga Bishop Abel Muzorew of the United African Council, and the Rev Ingi Sithole, head Zimbabwe African Union, and their r party ministers are ins "Zimbabwe".

The transitional Gov is making a considera over the invitation United States senators Smith, the Prime Mini his three black colle the Executive Council Washington and othe to speak directly to th can people.

A Government sp said today the I Council was "very k put across its case hand. A formal accep the invitation, recei week, has been sent, applied for through th can Embassy in Preto believe the invitatio considerable clout ar firm ground" the Go said.

Mr Smith would tr Rhodesian passport American Government in. He has already bee to appear on the CBS programme *Face The* Our Washington Corr writes: The State Depa considering visa ap from Mr Smith. Chie Bishop Muzorewa Sithole.

A spokesman said requests for travel d had been received la day in the United St sulate-General in Joha and were being forw Washington for a fina to be taken shortly.

It is generally assu that the visas will be in time for Mr Smit least one of his colle Sithole, to visit Wash the beginning of nex

Hard-pressed Zambia n seek British economic a

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

British policy in southern Africa, already strained to the point of collapse by recent events, has been desperately undermined by the disclosures on sanctions breaking. Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and his advisers are now trying to regain their balance, and find a way forward.

The overriding need to restore some degree of confidence in British policy explains the hurried trip today by Mr Callaghan and Dr Owen to see President Kaunda. It will be no easy task to ossuage what Dr Kaunda regards as a "betrayal".

But beyond this, Mr Callaghan and Dr Owen will be seeking Zambian help, after the double blows of the setback in Namibia, through South Africa's action in rejecting Western policy, and the in-fighting and confusion in Rhodesia, as the parties continue to quarrel.

There has been some speculation that Britain may now take more heed of Zambia's claims for compensation because of the economic costs of sanctions.

Estimates of the cost to Zambia of closing its borders with Rhodesia vary widely, but one Zambian figure, which takes into account the transport prob- lems, runs as high as (£625m). The Zambia ment is suing the oil c in the Zambian High

The Zambian eco mains extremely hard Copper prices have sta and a great quantity has been held up by and other problems. while the financial ga Zambia's debts and grows.

Britain contributed £15m, subsequently to £20m in ready ca Dr Kaunda visited earlier this year. But the World Bank agre crease its contributi Paris meeting in shortfall remains ver between $1,200m and over 1978-80.

As far as Rhodesi cerned, Dr Owen will argue that an all-p ference represents hope of avoiding civil series of local wars in

He will seek Kaunda's help in persu Joshua Nkomo, joint the Patriotic Front, sider his rejection o ference, or at least preparatory talks des clear the way to such ing.

Leading article

Mid-term primary electi held in most US states

From David Cross
Washington, Sept 21

Virtually all the party primary elections for this year's mid-term Senate, gubernatorial and House of Representatives seats have now been held in the United States.

Republican and Democratic candidates for 46 of the country's 50 states have been chosen in primaries or party conventions. In three states—Alabama, Florida and Louisiana—run-offs for a handful of nominees will be held shortly and a final round of primaries is to take place in Hawaii next month.

The following list of candidates covers those states where primaries and run-offs have been held since the middle of June. An asterisk denotes an incumbent; a number in brackets before a candidate's name gives the district in the House of Representatives. The abbreviation (D) is used for Democrats and (R) for Republicans.

Mississippi. Senate: Maurice Dantin (D); Thad Cochran (R). House: (4) John Stennis (D); John Hinson (R).

South Carolina. Senate: Charles Ravenel (D); Strom Thurmond (R)* Governor: Richard Riley (D); Edward Young (R). House: (4) Max Heller (D); Carroll Campbell (R).

Kansas. Senate: Bill Roy (D); Nancy Kassebaum (R). House: (5) Don Allegrucci (D); Robert Whittaker (R).

Tennessee. Senate: Howard Baker (R)*; Jane Eskind (D). Governor: Jake Butcher (D); Lamar Alexander (R). House: (5) Bill Boner (D); Bill Goodwin (R).

Michigan. Senate: Carl Levin (D); Robert Griffin (R)*. House: (11) Keith McLeod (D); Robert Davis (R).

Georgia. Senate: Sam Nunn (D)*; John Stokes (R). House: (6) Virginia Shapard (D); Newt Gingrich (R).

Idaho. Senate: Dwight Jensen (D); James McClure (R)*. Both House incumbents renominated.

Missouri. House: All 10 incumbents renominated.

Oklahoma. Senate: David Boren (D); Robert Kamm (R). Governor: George Nigh (D); Ron Shott (R). House: (2) Mike Synar (D); Gary Richardson (R).

Alaska. Senate: Don Hobbs (D); Ted Stevens (R)*.

New York. House: (1) John Randolph (D); William (R). (9) Geraldine Ferr Alfred Delibovi (R); Peyser (D); Angelo (R); (33) Roy Bernat Gary Lee (R).

Maryland. Governor Hughes (D); Glen Beall

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Wisconsin. House: (9) Flynn (D); James Sense (R).

Colorado. Senate: Flov (D)*; Bill Armstrong (R) (3) Ray Kogovsek (D) McCormick (R). (5) Ger (D); Ken Kramer (R).

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New Hampshire. Thomas McIntyre (D)*; Humphrey (R). House: bents renominated.

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Connecticut. House: tested primaries.

Rhode Island. Senate: Pell (D)*; James Reyno House: Incumbents reno

Delaware. Senate: Jo (D)*; James Baxter (R). Incumbent renominated.

Utah. House: Incumb nominated.

Nevada. Governor: Rob (D); Robert List (R). Incumbent renominated.

Vermont. House: Incum nominated.

Virginia. Senate: Andre (D); John Warner (R) replaces deceased Richar shain).

Massachusetts. Senate: Brooke (R)*; Paul Tsong Governor: Edward Kin Francis Hatch (R). Hou James Shannon (D); Joh ley (R); (6) Nicholas M (D); William Bronson (R Brian Donnelly (D) unop

Washington. House: Swift (D); John Garner

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ape and Transvaal wings of the ational Party square up in ruggle over Vorster succession

Nicholas Ashford
nesburg, Sept 21

decision by Mr S. P. Minister of Labour and not to seek the South n premiership, following orster's announcement yes- that he is to retire next means that the struggle he succession will be a ht contest between the and Transvaal wings of uling National Party.

S. P. Botha, who had been ed by some commentators ossible compromise candi- announced last night he lecided not to stand be- of the need for the rest degree of unity at ime".

t leaves three candidates P. W. Botha, Defence Min- and leader of the National in the Cape, Dr Connie r, Minister of Plural Re- s and leader of the Trans- arty, and Mr R. F. Botha, oreign Minister.

two main contestants are as being Mr P. W. Botha r Mulder, and their res- e party machines have ly gone into action. Al- h on the surface the cam- is being conducted in ost gentlemanly fashion, have already been allega- of muck-raking and al-mongering by the vari- actions.

outcome will be decided election among the members of the National Party caucus next Thursday, unless two of the three contestants withdraw their nominations before then.

There are 175 members in the party caucus—135 MPs and 40 Senators. However, only 172 people will vote as there is one vacancy at present, one absentee (Senator Owen Horwood, the Finance Minister, is overseas) and Mr Vorster will not participate.

Membership of the caucus is heavily weighted in favour of the Transvaal, which accounts for 83 members. The Cape has 55 members, the Orange Free State 24, and Natal 13. Thus if the caucus votes along provincial lines, Dr Mulder is likely to emerge the winner.

However, much will depend on the degree of support which Mr R. F. Botha, himself a Transvaal MP, can attract. There is speculation that he may pick up a number of the Transvaal votes which might have gone to Mr S. P. Botha. The Foreign Minister is also known to be Mr Vorster's favoured candidate and gained much favourable publicity yesterday by being beside the Prime Minister when he made his resignation announcement.

Another factor is the public records of the two main contestants. There is little doubt that Dr Mulder's involvement in the Information Department scandal has damaged his reputation, but to what extent is not yet clear. By comparison Mr P. W. Botha has an almost unblemished record and speaks in the belligerent tones that Nationalist MPs like to hear.

As far as Mr Vorster's future is concerned, there can be no doubt that he will become the next state President. He will be selected as the National Party's candidate for the presidency at Thursday's caucus meeting and his appointment will be confirmed at a special session of Parliament the following day.

Hitherto the office of state President has been a purely ceremonial one, but the pro-Government Afrikaans press has speculated that Mr Vorster will expand the role in anticipation of the creation of a new office of executive President under the new constitutional plan.

The present constitution confers vast powers on the state President, including the power to declare war and to proclaim martial law. These powers are exercised on the advice of the Cabinet.

As the first Prime Minister to become state President, Mr Vorster, with his extensive prestige in the National Party, will retain a great deal of influence in Parliament and thus be in a stronger position politically than his predecessors.

Israel evicts illegal West Bank settlers

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Sept 21

Israeli troops ripped up a barbed-wire fence round an illegal encampment of zealots from Gush Emunim (Block of the Faithful) in the West Bank today, and evicted several hundred activists.

The expulsion was carried out after Mr Ezer Weizman, the Defence Minister, flew to the site near Nablus by helicopter and tried in vain to persuade the settlers to leave voluntarily.

Meanwhile, there is increasing concern developing over the way in which Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, is highlighting the fundamental gaps still remaining between the Israeli and Egyptian positions reached at the Camp David summit. Today, Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, indicated, more optimistically, the way in which he sees the differences being overcome.

Mr Dayan made it clear that while it was theoretically possible for a bilateral agreement to be concluded between Egypt and Israel independently of the other agreement concerning the Palestinian issue, he understood that this was not what President Sadat of Egypt wanted.

Mr Dayan said he appreciated that the Egyptian leader did not wish to be put in the position of regaining Sinai while no agreement was reached on the Palestinian issue.

President Sadat has been criticized fiercely in Arab circles that suspect that he will sign a separate peace with Israel. But it has been noted here that the signing of the proposed treaty between Israel and Egypt should coincide with the creation of the self-governing authority on the West Bank and it is doubted by some informed Israelis that the Egyptian leader would be prepared to abandon the Palestinian issue.

The most striking West Bank issues not settled at Camp David were the future of Israel's Jewish settlements there and the status of Jerusalem.

Israeli soldiers carry one of the illegal settlers from the site near Nablus.

Indicating the solution to these matters favoured by Israel, Mr Dayan compared the right of Jews to remain on the West Bank and to continue settling there with the right of 100,000 Arabs displaced by the 1967 war to return.

He said Israel retained the view that its settlements on the West Bank were legal and did not form an obstacle to eventual agreement with the Arabs. There was, however, a question about what would happen during the five-year transitional period, but he believed that an agreement could be reached with the Arabs that would not prevent further Jewish settlements.

The Arabs wanted the displaced persons who left the West Bank during and after the 1967 war to have the right to return, Mr Dayan said. Israel had no objection to that. The number of Arabs that might return far outnumbered the number of Jews that might also settle there, he said, and this was something that should be agreed by both parties.

Asked if Israel would insist on the right of Jews to settle on the West Bank even after the five-year transitional period, Mr Dayan replied that he was not a foreigner on the West Bank and did not wish to be regarded as one. Neither did he wish to take land away from Arabs by force or drive away a single Arab. But, he went on, if there should be an Arab willing to sell a piece of land to him or his children, he felt he had the right to buy that piece of land and build is home there.

Dovish elements in Israel have been disturbed by comments made by Mr Begin to Jewish audiences in the United States, in which he has emphasized that there will be a three-month ban on settlement on the West Bank rather than five years as apparently understood by the Egyptians. They have also been disturbed by the Prime Minister reporting the controversial view that Jerusalem will remain undivided and the capital of Israel and that no Arab flag will ever fly over the city.

Disturbances occurred in several Arab towns on the West Bank again today when students protested at the Camp David accords.

Nablus, Sept 21.—Jewish members of the Gush Emunim established a new settlement on a hill near Hebron in the occupied West Bank today a few hours after Israeli soldiers cleared the ultra-nationalists from the site near Nablus.—Reuter.

Sadat statement: President Sadat will hold a news conference tomorrow in the Moroccan capital of Rabat to give his views on the peace agreement with Israel.—UPI.

China's view: China is satisfied with the Camp David summit agreements, but fears that they will give rise to more tensions than solutions in the Middle East, Mr Teng Hsiao-Ping, the Deputy Prime Minister, told M Jacques Chirac, the former French Prime Minister who is on a visit to China, French delegation sources said.—Agence France-Presse.

Camp David letters still not ready

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Sept 21

The letters setting out various matters connected with the Camp David agreements, which Israel, Egypt and the United States were to exchange early this week, are still not ready. There are known to be disputes over two of them, concerning the future policy of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, and the stationing of Israeli troops there.

The letters stating the most complete disagreement, on the future of Jerusalem, should present no problem as President Sadat and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, formally agreed to disagree. Possibly the delay in producing all the other letters is part of an American attempt to win the day on the settlements question.

One American commentator, Mr Joe Kraft, states a commonly held view here when he writes today that the real effect of the agreements is that "Mr Begin made tactical gains that entail strategic risks. President Sadat, without losing anything for Egypt, made tactical concessions that create big opportunities that other Arab leaders may either exploit or throw away."

He goes on to say: "If they were clever, the Palestinian Arabs would take advantage of the Camp David rules. They would establish a local government with full autonomy. They would enter into good relations with the Egyptians

"They would tap the Saudis for money and the Russians for diplomatic support. They would maintain existing ties with the exile groups, especially the PLO. Then, when the day came, five years hence, they would hold most of the cards.

"They would be in control politically on the ground. They would have overwhelming international support. Israel would be isolated, clinging only to a piece of paper and a small, segregated occupation force. An independent Arab state would be inevitable."

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Our Own Correspondent
ington, Sept 21

rmer President Ford today ided the findings and con- ons of the Warren Commis- which investigated the sination of President Ken- in 1963.

cking only his second arance before a Congres- l hearing since he became dent four years ago, he denounced those critics of work of the Warren Com- on who had constructed rate conspiracy theories to in the death of Mr edy in Dallas, Texas.

Ford denied that the en Commission's investiga- was deficient or hurried. ve seen no new evidence would change my mind", ded.

testimony before the sinations committee of the e of Representatives was highlight of four days of ns this week devoted to sing the way the various igence agencies and the en Commission handled ssassination.

One-party election likely in Namibia

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Sept 21

Only one leading political party in Namibia (South-West Africa) is expected to take part in the elections for a constituent assembly to be held in the territory between November 20 and 24.

Two other parties have already said they will not participate; a third is likely to follow suit, while the only other party of any significance has expressed reservations about the election procedure.

The election date was announced yesterday after Mr John Vorster, the retiring South African Prime Minister, stated that South Africa had decided to opt for an internal solution for Namibia. In deciding to hold elections without United Nations supervision, South Africa has effectively closed the door on further settlement talks with either the West or the United Nations, and there is little chance of international recognition for independence on such a basis.

The only Namibian party to welcome Mr Vorster's announcement has been the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), a multi-ethnic group which arose from the Turnhalle constitutional conference of two years ago and is the party favoured by South Africa to take control of an independent Namibia.

The two parties which have rejected the election plan are the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), which is believed to have the biggest following in the country, and the Namibian National Front (NNF), a newly formed multi-racial party which stands midway betwen Swapo and the DTA.

The Swapo Democratic Party, headed by the dissident Swapo leader, Mr Andreas Shipanga, today called for an all-party round table conference to decide the future of the territory. The party said it was not ready to take part in the elections.

The right-wing Aktur Party, effectively the rump of the old white National Party under a different title, has objected to the 60-day campaign laid down in the election announcement made last night by Mr Justice M. T. Steyn, the Administrator-General of the territory. Aktur wants a 75-day campaign.

Mr Justice Steyn said the elections would not be invalidated either by a low poll or by the refusal of certain parties to participate.

The decision to "go it alone" has produced mixed reaction in South Africa, with the pro-Government Afrikaans newspapers generally supporting Mr Vorster's decision while the opposition English-language press criticized it.

One of the strongest reactions appeared in the Johannesburg *Star* normally one of the most circumspect English-language papers. Namibia, it said, had been "sentenced to civil war.

Warning by Dr Owen

South Africa's defiant stand on Namibia (South-West Africa) has endangered prospects of a peaceful power transfer and could make it harder to achieve a Rhodesia settlement, Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, said last night.

The challenge to democracy came not from African nationalists, but from "reactionary whites" and dogmatists, Dr Owen told a public meeting in London.

South Africa's defiant attitude to the world community over Namibia represented a major setback to the cause of peaceful change in Southern Africa, he added.

Lord Carrington, leader of the Opposition peers, said yesterday that he was deeply sorry the South African Government had rejected the West's proposals on Namibia

Speaking to the Royal African Society in London, Lord Carrington said: "If it had been possible to have internationally-supervised elections which were acknowledged by everybody to be free and fair, and then for independence to take place, a pattern might well have been set which could have influenced events elsewhere, and in particular in Rhodesia".

reporter st go ck to prison

Our Own Correspondent
York, Sept 21

e New Jersey Supreme t ruled today that Mr on Farber, a reporter for *New York Times*, must n to jail next Tuesday for empt of court.

a majority of 5—2, the t decided that he had no stitutional rights to with- notes which had been sup- naed by the defence in a der case.

r Farber says that to pro- his notes would be to al confidential sources. He claimed protection under First Amendment to the stitution

he judges today ruled that United States Supreme rt had rejected the conten- that First Amendment its extend to the protection ources when a person's right fair trial is at issue

Tired Karpov puts off world chess game

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Baguio, Sept 21

The twenty-fifth game in the world chess championship that was due to be played here today has been postponed at Anatoly Karpov's request till next Saturday. The Soviet world champion has thus utilized his third time-off in this new phase in the match.

Viktor Korchnoi, the challenger, has already used up the three postponements he was allowed for the first 24 games. Each player is now allowed one postponement for every eight games.

Presumably Karpov has been feeling the effects of the hard fights he has had in the past two weeks and is in need of a complete rest from the game.

The score still stands at Karpov 4, Korchnoi 2, with 18 draws. Korchnoi is due to have white when play resumes on Saturday.

Mrs Whitehouse pelted again

Sydney, Sept 21.—For the second time this week Mrs Mary Whitehouse, the anti-pornography campaigner, has been pelted with foodstuffs while addressing a rally in Australia. Today she ducked as a group here threw pies and cream cakes, but missed her.

Eight people are expected to appear in court tomorrow charged with offensive behaviour. In Brisbane today seven men and two women, accused of throwing strawberry pies at her on Tuesday, were granted bail.—AP.

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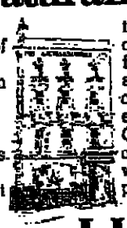

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Mr Lee believes communists still have intentions of undermining South-East Asian governments

From Peter Hazelhurst
Singapore, Sept 21

Enmeshed in a bitter bilateral dispute, Vietnam and China are making strenuous attempts to befriend their former adversaries in the non-communist Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean). These are Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore.

Mr Pham Van Dong, the Prime Minister of Vietnam, has just visited Bangkok, Manila and Jakarta to assure his hosts that Hanoi will no longer assist communist insurgents in the region.

In November Mr Teng Hsiao-peng, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, is expected to visit the capitals of Asean with a new set of olive branches.

But at least one Asian leader remains somewhat sceptical about these overtures. He is Singapore's articulate and outspoken Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, a man who has waged a bitter battle against communist insurgency in the region for the past two decades.

Presenting his views to The Times in Singapore this week, Mr Lee indicated that he is not convinced that the dispute between China and Vietnam has completely eliminated the *spectre of the domino theory.*

However, he conceded that the dispute in Indo-China will give Thailand some years of respite from external interference in its fight against communist insurgency.

"But it does not diminish the threat. It just postpones the threat. As long as the conflict is not resolved in the way it has been resolved in Laos then there is no question of the next domino falling . . . if it is fashionable to talk in those terms at all.

"There is not the same unanimous single thrust on the communist side. There are different forces thrusting in different directions and Thailand may well be able to use, and in fact has already adeptly taken note of, the different directions in which these forces are going, to some advantage", Mr Lee added.

Turning to Vietnam's assurances that it will no longer assist insurgents in the region, Mr Lee said: "I was surprised, agreeably surprised, when I read reports that Mr Pham Van Dong had repeated his assurances in Manila. It will now put the onus on the next guest (Mr Teng Hsiao-peng) who will be received by General Kriangsak (of Thailand) from a non-communist country to declare the same friendly non-interfering position", he says.

But in spite of the recent overtures by Vietnam and China, Mr Lee believes that communist nations have not given up their deep-seated plans to undermine the governments of Asean.

"I do not think they have. The Chinese are quite open about it. They say it is their moral duty to help other communist parties. We are hearing for the first time the Vietnamese Prime Minister saying he will not help subversion in Thailand and the Philippines. If that is so then there is only one party left now.

"If Mr Pham Van Dong was sincere, and his party and government carry out his declaration, then there is only one side which wants to put the countries of Asean under the control of communist parties", he says.

He points out the members of Asean will be given a measure of respite while China and the Soviet Union continue their dispute.

"The Sino-Soviet dispute just complicates the position between China and Vietnam. But even without the Sino-Soviet dispute, I do not see either China or Vietnam repudiating their ideological stands that they must prop up communist parties elsewhere in the region. Anyway I was right until Mr Pham Van Dong made his declaration in Bangkok", he added with a wry smile.

Outlining his views with extreme candour at a time when other members of Asean are hoping to normalize their relations with Vietnam, Mr Lee claims that Thailand could become an important springboard for communist insurgency in the area.

It has been the way that communist insurgency has been spread on continental Asia so far, through contiguous land frontiers which offer sanctuaries to insurgents. As long as Thailand does not offer sanctuaries to Malaysian guerrillas, I do not see Malaysia under a very serious threat".

He says that although Singapore is able to contain the threat of insurgency at present "we will never be rid of this problem until the Malaysians are rid of the problem".

Taking a broader view of the future of Asia, Mr Lee said the recent Sino-Japanese treaty will bring economic benefits to South-East Asia in the short term. "The trading effect will be beneficial to South-East Asia because Japan will use up its industrial capacity and will be required to buy raw materials from the region".

"What the long term implications of the Sino-Japanese treaty are will depend upon the relationships which will develop out of this, not just between Japan and China but between Japan and the Soviet Union and the United States and China. It occurs to me now that there will be much more of a quadrilateral balance in the western Pacific", he adds.

Often criticized because he refuses to tolerate an effective opposition, Mr. Lee has transformed Singapore into a modern and thriving city. He was asked whether he could have achieved as much under a liberal system of democracy of the British variety.

"If you mean by that whether we could have achieved what we did if we had allowed the communists to run around and organize strikes in the unions to disrupt production—no, then we would have not have done it. If we had allowed the communists a free run in our unions as they have in the British unions, then we would have been ruined", he says.

A girl carrying a white flag leads a group of Esteli residents from the besieged town.

Thousands fleeing Nicaragua

From Stephen Downer
Managua, Sept 21

Some 25,000 Nicaraguans are fleeing the clashes between rebels and government forces. They move on foot, by bus, bicycle or car. They are scared and many take refuge in churches. Others head for the houses of friends or relatives and still more make their way to the borders with Honduras in the north or Costa Rica in the south.

Outside Estile, 90 miles from here, Jan, his Mexican wife and two small children were preparing to board a bus that would take them to Managua. He said the Nicaraguan National Guard ordered people out of their homes and out of town. They were going to stay with friends in Managua then try to leave the country, he said.

At Penas Blancas, in the south, Armando Silva Aguirre, aged 36, his wife Evangelina, and their three children were preparing to cross to Costa Rica on foot.

At the Intercontinental hotel in Managua there used to be a musical trio. The three young men have left. The Argentine manager, Marcello, said they planned to leave the country with their families.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras: About 21,000 Nicaraguans have sought refuge in Honduras in the past week, government sources said.

Most of the refugees have proper documentation, but Honduran authorities set up control points along the border trying to kee ptrack of those fleeing the fighting in Nicaragua.

Mr Maruel Mora, Red Cross director said Nicaraguans were entering Honduras at the rate of about 1,000 a day.—AP.

San Salvador: The Government of El Savador threatened to suspend the constitution and ordered a nationwide search today for left-wing guerrillas who killed two police and attacked the National University's rector.

A man identifying himself as a guerrilla said the attacks were the work of the Armed Forces of National Resistance, "in proletarian solidarity with the Sandinistas of Nicaragua".

The two policemen were killed and several others wounded in an attack yesterday on their patrol car at a police output bordering San Salvador.—UPI

Jailed journalists in Sind hunger strike

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad, Sept 21

Journalists and their sympathizers have gone on hunger strike in five jails in Sind. They included Minhaj Barna, president of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and chairman of the Pakistan Employees' Confederation.

Mr Barna is reported to have taken this action in protest against alleged police atrocities on those arrested in connexion with journalists' demonstrations in Karachi for press freedom.

Journalists, students, peasants and workers have been courting arrest daily since July 18 by violating martial law ban on public demonstrations of any kind. So far about 270 are understood to have been arrested.

The Sind Government said in a press statement that three "politically oriented" journalists in Khairpur jail went on hunger strike and were warned that they exposed themselves to action under the penal code and the jail regulations. However, a journalists' statement said that 13 people had begun a hunger strike in five j Karachi, Hyderabad Khairpur.

The latest issue of Zi a Karachi weekly, has lished several articles a police atrocities on strators.

Mr Barna recently ap to General Zia ul-Ha Pakistan military rul intervene personally to the journalists' dispute

From Peshawar it w ported today that General Nasirullah former Governor of West Frontier Province leader of Mr Bhutto's P People's Party has arrested. He is alleged made a speech inf martial law regulations a recent tour of the pr on which he accompanie Benazir Bhutto, daugh the former Prime Mini

In Rawalpindi a su military court has sen four People's Party mem one year's imprisonme 10 to 15 lashes for org public demonstrations city against the military and for the release Bhutto.

Dispute among Aborigin delays uranium project

Darwin, Sept 21.—A dispute among Aboriginal leaders over royalties has blocked the mining of one of Australia's richest uranium deposits.

Sources in the industry said development of the important Ranger deposit in the Northern Territory could, in consequence, be delayed until at least next April.

The hold-up is a heavy blow to Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, who is keen to develop Australia's vast uranium reserves.

Approval of the Aborigines to the Ranger project is required because the deposits are on their land, close to sacred sites.

Mr Fraser jubilantly announced last week that a royalty agreement had been reached between the Government and the Northern Land which represents the landowners. However, th ment was threatened argument broke out the Aboriginal groups al way the council reac decision to approve th ties deal.

A faction claimed it represented at the cruci cil meeting that endor agreement and that som cil members were coer approving or were give information.

Representatives of th dent groups converged win, the territory's capi successfully challenged tion of the agreement i The council assured th the deal would not be until all disputes ha settled.—Reuter.

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Growing support for opposition candidate could jeopardize military rulers' strategy

Patronage key factor in Brazil poll

From Patrick Knight
Brasilia, Sept 21

It is almost impossible for General Euler Bentes Monteiro, candidate of the opposition Movement for Democratic Brazil (MDB), to gain enough votes within the Electoral College to be chosen as President on October 15. However, he is gathering such popular support that General Figueiredo's expected victory will be somewhat Pyrrhic.

Although on paper the government Alliance for National *Reunion (Arena) can guarantee* a 120-vote majority for General Figueiredo, it is felt that General Euler would have a very good chance if the vote were secret. Loyalties to the two existing parties, soon to be abolished, retain little meaning.

What is still very important, however, is the influence the Government exercises both centrally and at state level. A side effect of the rapid growth and concentration of power in Brasilia of recent years has been an enormous increase in government patronage, and *financial control over all big* enterprises, whether or not they are nominally in private hands.

There remain few men in politics with sufficient independence to challenge the Government, and risk subsequent economic reprisals.

Only 10 days after General Euler was selected as MDB candidate an opinion poll showed that he was preferred by 35 per cent of the electorate, compared with only 15 per cent two weeks earlier. He has now overtaken General Figueiredo, who can count on only 34 per cent.

The narrowness of General Euler's majority in winning the MDB nomination—he gained 57 per cent of the vote—shows why he had to proceed so cautiously. He was not welcomed by a considerable part of the MDB leadership, which had come to accommodate itself with the status quo.

Within two days of becoming the party candidate, however, he made a powerful speech in the North East, criticizing the big, and increasing income differentials, high levels of unemployment, and poverty. He attributed this to lack of participation in decision-making in recent times. He drew an enthusiastic crowd of 7,000 in Recife, contrasting sharply with the small gatherings drawn by General Figueiredo.

The campaign is being conducted as if the election were by mass suffrage, and not by less than 600 men. It is really aimed at gathering support for the general election, to be held exactly one month after the President is chosen.

The MDB will be fighting with one hand behind its back on November 15. Only the candidate's name and essential data may be mentioned on television; no electioneering propaganda is permitted; elections to many Senate seats are to be indirect.

But despite all the obstacles it looks increasingly as if the MDB will win control of the House of Deputies, if not the Senate. This will put the new President, shorn as he will be of the special powers his predecessors have enjoyed, in an exposed position.

It is rumoured that if opinion polls show that the November result will be catastrophic for Arena, the two existing parties, created by decree in 1968, will be dissolved before, rather than after the election. Then new coalitions could be formed, giving the Government a chance to reassert control.

Changing the rules for presidential elections is not now considered possible, despite the military urge to have a tactic in reserve for even the most remote eventuality. Although the higher echelons of Army officers are mainly opposed to General Euler gaining control —they see his distributive policies jeopardizing Brazil's hopes of world power status— they dare not, at this late stage, countenance moves to make it absolutely sure that General Figueiredo will win.

Although support for General Euler is small within the armed forces, the majority of officers at all levels remain discreetly neutral.

The man in the middle, Senator Magalhaes Pinto, decided to climb back on to the fence, after his brief flirtation with the MDB and the National *Redemocratization Front. Not* chosen to be MDB candidate, he has now said that he "remains the civilian alternative".

General Euler has said that his government will be one of transition, and last only three years, compared with General Figueiredo's six-year term.

One of General Euler's main points, as he lobbies for support among Electoral College members, is the promise of a distribution of power away from the all-powerful executive to the other arms of government and to the states, which have to refer to Brasilia for any decision of significance.

Three die Himalaya avalanche

Katmandu, Sept 21.—
lanche has killed three ese mountaineers clin 25,705ft peak in the Himalayas.

Kyuki Banmi, aged 2 bumi Takahashi, aged Mamoru Ushizawa, a were killed on P (Dakura) when an a hit their high altitud the Ministry of Touris Three others in the escaped unhurt but expedition's tents and were swept away.

The 10-man Tsuragi taineer Associates ex has abandoned its att climb the unconquere summit of Peak 29 via climebd route up the so wall.

Other expeditions Nepalese Himalayas ha reported avalanche dang Japanese teams climbing Manaslu were forced to their route and an A expedition on Annapu have stopped all climl avoid any avalanches heavy snowfall.—Reuter

Australian sp on Amnesty

Sydney, Sept 21.—I pointment of Professor Roebuck, a member Australian Communist P a top post in Amnesty national is threatening the federal Parliament port for Amnesty in A

The all-party parlia support group includ Malcolm Fraser, the Minister, Mr Andrew F the Foreign Minister, an inent left-wing Labour members of Parliament.

Japan wants to improve link with Moscow

Tokyo, Sept 21.—Japan will try to improve its relations with the Soviet Union, Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, said yesterdy.

The promotion of friendly relations with the Soviet Union was one of the important tasks of Japanese foreign policy, Mr Fukuda told a special session of Parliament summoned to approve the peace and friendship treaty which Japan concluded with China last month and which has strained relations with the Kremlin.

Mr Fukuda said that Japan and the Soviet Union must sign a peace treaty for really stable relations.—Reuter.

Partial self-rule for Muslims in Philippines

Manila, Sept 21.—President Ferdinand Marcos, speaking on the sixth anniversary of his imposition of martial law, today announced his intention to set up semi-autonomous regional governments in the southern Philippines.

He also promised, in a nationwide broadcast, to continue moves towards a parliamentary system of government, but gave no hint of a timetable for renouncing martial law.

Mr Marcos said the regional government plan would meet the demands of the majority in the Muslim areas of this predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

Kenya gift of road tanke to carry Ethiopia's oil

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 21

The Kenya Government has given Ethiopia 52 tankers and 20 trailers, worth about £4m, to transport oil products by road to Ethiopia from Kenya's oil refinery at Mombasa.

In Addis Ababa yesterday Mr Daniel Mboya, Kenya's chargé d'affaires, presented the vehicles to Ato Yusuf Ahmed, the Ethiopian Transport Minister.

Kenyan officials said the gift resulted from the visit here early this year of an Ethiopian economic delegation, which sought Kenya's cooperation in solving Ethiopia's oil supply problems. At that time, Addis Ababa was cut off from Sea port of Djibouti, b have since been restore the defeat of Somali tr the Ogaden.

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Kenya's support for E stems largely from the tion of both Kenya and E to the neighbouring s Somalia. Kenya condemn recent Somali attacks o opia, and welcomed th opian expulsion of troops.

East German involvement in Africa grows

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Sept 21

An East German delegation led by Herr Werner Krolikowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, and including the Deputy Defence Minister, recently visited Ethiopia and pledged continued support for the revolutionary regime there.

Herr Erich Honecker, the *East German leader, has promised* Guinea-Bissau further close cooperation.

Mr Lopo do Nascimento, Prime Minister of Angola, met Herr Honecker while spending a holiday in East Germany. The two men reaffirmed their countries' solidarity with the liberation movements in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa.

These separate, minor events illustrate the extent of East German involvement in Africa.

Angola plays an important role in this respect. Members of the NVA, the East German army, have made themselves essential to the country's development.

Military specialists and advisers, according to Western reports, have just moved to Zambia to help Mr Nkomo in preparing new operations against Rhodesia.

East German specialists have been spotted elsewhere in Africa. Some operate utility installations once run by the former colonial masters. Others help in organizing communications systems, security services and forces.

Though East Germany was at first excluded from the military commitments of other Warsaw Pact states, this restriction was lifted in 1956.

It took some time, however, before East Germany's military involvement overseas became visible. An agreement on military aid was concluded with Zaire. Light armaments were sent to Somalia while heavy items were supplied b Russians.

Press reports, quoting a of the Brookings Institut source, say East German personnel have been s 15 African states, num altogether 17,000 men.

Observers regard what are known of East Germ gagement in Africa as on tip of an iceberg. They no doubt about the impo which the Soviet Union at to East Germany's role loyal defender of Soviet ests, particularly at times Moscow cannot or will no its hand.

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...e at the 10th which is ...sque dogleg of 310 yards, the green guarded in front by water and surrounded by a screen of trees. A five-iron and a nine-iron will do the trick but the Spaniard would have none of that. He gave his tee-shot everything he had and faded the ball some 280 yards through the air to within 12ft of the hole.

His reason for doing so is one I have heard before from him and explains *why he draws the* crowds so easily. "Otherwise is boring". It won him the hole as well as many more admirers. The hole is not meant to be driven. *In helping to design it, David* Thomas directed his heavy artillery onto it and decided it was out of range, but that was in the days before Ballesteros. A few *others might have had the length* but probably no-one would have had the confidence in his accuracy to go for the green.

The shot cannot be said to have shattered Faldo's morale for the putted beautifully towards the end but Ballesteros was not to be beaten yesterday. He bril, for example, hit bunkers at each of the first four holes and yet been one up in level par. The best figures came from Torrance, who went out in 32 and was six under par in defeating the older Ballesteros.

He and Brown were the only winners for Britain in the six singles and both are possibilities to represent Scotland in the World Cup later this year. The other three pairs were announced yesterday: Howard Clark and Mark James, of England, David Vaughan and Craig Defoy, of Wales and John O'Leary and Eddie Polland, of Ireland. The Scottish team will be known later this week when it has been decided just how Scottish Brown is.

Foursomes

Europe 3, Britain and Ireland 1

B. Gallacher and B. Barnes halved with S. Ballesteros and M. Ballesteros.
N. Coles and B. Huggett halved with A. Garrido and J. Canizares.
M. James and H. Clark lost to M. Pinero and B. Langer 4 and 2.
J. O'Leary and N. Faldo lost to M. Calero and A. Gallardo, 4 and 3.

Singles

Europe 3½, Britain and Ireland 2½

S. Torrance beat M. Ballesteros, 6 and 5.
E. Pollard lost to Garrido, 5 and 4.
K. Brown beat Canizares, 2 and 1.
James lost to Pinero, 2 and 1.
Coles halved with Calero.
Faldo lost to S. Ballesteros, 2 and 1.

OVERALL POSITION: Europe 6½, Britain and Ireland 5½.

Football

In the interests of fun and imagination

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

There was not the least hint of an apology from Ron Greenwood after England had conceded three goals to the exciting, careless Danes in Copenhagen in the European championship on Wednesday night. One might ask why he should feel guilty about defensive errors when the team brightly compensated by scoring four themselves but, in recent years, the complaints by dreary, frightened managers that high-scoring games proved merely that players must have been off form "at the back" have become an accepted and all too familiar part of the modern philosophy.

Mr Greenwood said: "I must have been told three or four times that England's performance was more like West Ham's of a few years ago." It was indeed a joyful match, full of unexpected fierceness from the Danes, who are not supposed to enjoy the more physical aspects of the game, and delightful perception from Keegan, Brooking and little Simonsen. Brooking and Keegan said it was the most exciting international game in which they had been involved and certainly it was one of their best.

As Mr Greenwood said on the journey home: "Everyone was caught up in the euphoria of the game. The Danes caused us more problems than either the Germans or Brazilians." Mistakes at both ends of the field were the result of the speed at which the game swung and even more goals could have been scored, although it was important to note that it was Denmark who always had to pull themselves back into the game.

The initiative was England's and one felt that it was one of those rare matches in which every defensive lapse was both punished and almost immediately cancelled out by the efforts of those in attack. England had not conceded three goals since 1972 but had scored four as recently as their last game against Hungary in *May. After being so splendidly* entertained, one felt it churlish to mention that several England defenders did some illogical things, albeit adding to the "fun" that Mr Greenwood had always hoped would return under his management.

Neal, Watson and Hughes were left flat-footed by the impressive speed of the Danes, especially that shown by Simonsen. Against that problem it is reassuring to remember that Cherry is now fit again and could be asked to play at right back in future matches. There is suddenly a surprising choice of players for the left side since Mills is being challenged by Statham and the new international discovery, Sansom, who played with such promise for the under-21 team in their largely unrewarding defeat of Denmark.

For the moment, Mr Greenwood can enjoy his achievement in, as he said, "getting us back to the situation in which everyone wants to beat England". But he is aware that future opponents, notably Bulgaria, who have yet to play a match in the European championship group, will not make the defensive mistakes that the Danes offered England's attack. Yet there is so much more enterprise and genuine resolution in *England's outlook that the new* optimism of the players, so obvious here, is not misplaced.

England's next match in the championship will be on October 25 in Dublin. *As the Republic of* Ireland and Northern Ireland shared points in a goalless draw there on Wednesday, England are in a strong position to reach the finals, which will be held in Italy in 1980. Denmark, in spite of their ability to score a total of six goals against the Republic of Ireland and England, are too generous defensively and are well aware that several of of their players raised themselves above their usual form

Northern Ireland's manager, Danny Blanchflower, does not intend continuing in the job when his present two-year contract expires at the end of the European championship series. "I will carry on until then", he said. "But my aim is to help the Irish FA through the series and to groom someone who can take over."

Group One table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Rep Ireland	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
N Ireland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Denmark	2	0	1	1	6	7	1
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Supercup dates

Brussels, Sept. 21.—Liverpool, the European champions, will play Anderlecht, the European Cup Winner's Cup holders, for the Uefa Supercup in December, it was announced here today. Anderlecht will stage the first leg here on December 4. The second leg will be played at Anfield on December 19.—Reuter.

Kevin Keegan: an England star who shone in the most exciting international match of his career.

Rugby Union

Munster succumb to Middlesex virtues

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Middlesex 38 Munster 7

The joint provincial champions of Ireland are in town for two warm-up games before they confront the All Blacks at the end of October, but they had little joy on a blissful evening at the Wasps ground, Sudbury, yesterday. Middlesex, themselves preparing for their first game in the county championship, won handsomely—and, in the end, almost as they pleased—by three goals, a penalty goal and three tries to a penalty goal and a try.

A late rally by Munster, during which Condon scored with an inside thrust from a scrummage, could not conceal that they will need to play much better at Limerick. And no doubt they will. Touring sides almost never get *anything but a desperate game in* the province.

On this occasion, Munster, who fielded a side with seven internationals (four of them current), presented Tom Kiernan and Noel Murphy, the provincial and national coaches, with the sort of problems they could do without. The forward play was loose, the scrum half had an unhappy time behind it and the overall defence, particularly at close range, simply was not good enough.

It is more charitable to dwell on the virtues of Middlesex, whose ranks included four former internationals, one of them being David Rollitt, who, thanks to some flexible qualification rules in the championship, will celebrate an unusual double next week by appearing in Gloucestershire's centenary match.

Ball put Middlesex into an early lead with a penalty goal, finely struck from the 10 metre line, after Christopher Ralston had been obstructed at a lineout. Thereafter, in the first half, the solid mauling of the Middlesex forwards ensured plenty of possession. Some loose ball came back for Middlesex after a Munster throw, and Lawson spun out of a tackle to score on the open side. Then, in a Middlesex counterattack up the middle, the acceleration of French made a clear chance for his wing, Morrison, who streaked away from the cover to score in the corner.

In the second half Morrison stepped blithely outside his man and all but scored another try after a swift and stylish run on the left. Then, behind a good Middlesex heave at a scrummage, Mordell plunged over from an inside pass by Ripley.

Ward got three points back with a long penalty, but Middlesex were letting their hair down now and, with tidier, sharper finishing might have run in more than three further tries.

Christopher Ralston, who had a *productive game at the lineout,* obtained one when Lawson lost the ball from a ruck set up by Ball and Friell. Next, Middlesex launched an attack from under *their own posts, Friell making a* powerful incision and Ball rounding it off with an impressive turn of speed as he ran in clear over half the length of the field.

Ward's kick at goal, after Condon's try, hit a post, whereupon Ball completed Irish discomfiture by dummying through, as easy as you please, for his second try and a personal contribution of 17 points.

MIDDLESEX: C. S. Ralston (Rosslyn Park); H. Clean (Richmond), A. J. Friell (London Scottish), N. French (Wasps), T. Morrison (London New Zealand); T. Ball (Wasps), A. J. Lawson (London Scottish); T. Claxton (Harlequins), I. Thomas (London Welsh), H. P. Sapsford (London New Zealand), M. A. H. Ross (Richmond), C. N. Ralston (Richmond, capt), D. M. Rollitt (Richmond), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. J. Mordell (Rosslyn Park).

MUNSTER: L. A. Maloney (Garryowen); M. Finn (UCC), H. Condon (London Irish), S. Donnalson (Garryowen), J. Bowen (Constitution); A. J. P. Ward (St Mary's College), C. Murphy (Constitution), T. Mullany (Bohemians), P. C. Whelan (Garryowen, capt), G. McLoughlin (Shannon), M. I. Keane (Lansdowne), B. Foley (Shannon), C. Tucker (Shannon), E. Molloy (Gorrowen), C. Cantillon (Constitution).

Referee: Maj P. L. Lillington (London Society).

Sandy Sanders, chairman of England's selectors, has upgraded the status of this year's county championship by manipulating it as an important part of the selectors' watching programme. In a statement on selection policy, Mr *Sanders also urges selectors at all* levels to drop players guilty of rough play and violence. The chairman's statement follows a pre-season meeting at Aldershot, *which included talks with all* regional and county selectors.

A strong Scottish XV will play The Netherlands at Hilversum on Sunday, October 1. Captained by the British Lion, Ian McGeechan, it includes five other full internationals in Hay, Tomes, Gray, Watson and Brewster. Scotland have won their two previous games against The Netherlands.

TEAM: B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir); J. C. Roberton (Kilmarnock), C. J. Williamson (West of Scotland), J. V. Rutherford (Selkirk), A. G. Dougall (Jordanhill); I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest); G. M. McGuinness (West of Scotland), K. G. Laurie (Gala), N. A. Rowan (Boroughmuir), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), D. Gray (West of Scotland), D. J. McLeod (Fife), W. S. Watson (Boroughmuir), A. K. Browster (Stewart's-Melville FP).

Equestrianism

Chance for British riders to wipe out Lexington memories

By Pamela MacGregor-Morris

On a balmy sunny afternoon which recalled Keats's "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", Tetbury Horse Trials, now in their second year and sponsored by the Midland Bank, gave three of the British team riders—Jane Holderness-Roddam, Lucinda Prior-Palmer and Christopher Collins—the chance to obliterate the painful memories of Lexington riding young horses over an excellent course. Richard Meade and his wife are still in United States. There were present, too, a number of silent witnesses from Lexington, and a few more vocal ones, Colonel Frank Weldon representing the latter, Captain Michael Naylor-Leyland the former. When anyone said how hot it was, we just smiled.

Miss Prior-Palmer's arm was inadvertently walked upon by Village Gossip when he had his fall, so she contented herself with doing dressage on Overseas Containers Limited's Discovery Bay.

Miss Holderness-Roddam got into the money on Catherston Credit and also on Sir James Hanson's six-year-old former show hunter, Sullivan.

Christopher Collins had a relaxed ride on a novice and the winning was done by Virginia Holgate, the former junior European champion, on Night Cap, by Miss Finlayson on Late Look, by Don't Look and by Peta Lamb, who only incurred 22 penalty points on Maytime, a daughter of Romany Air, a premium stallion. Sam Koechlin, a Swiss doctor who is married to the former Pat Smythe of show jumping fame, had an equal score, but a slower time across country in the intermediate class with Highland Fling, by Weathercock, ridden by Susan Hatherly, and victory went to Sarah Bonet, who was in last year's junior team, riding Maytime.

Miss Tilley from North Wales had the best performance by a rider under 21 years of age and it has won her a week's tuition with Captain Mark Phillips, who competed today but incurred a refusal.

NOVICE SECTION I: 1. Miss R. Finlayson's Late Look (22 penalty points); 2. J. Marsden's Osberton Garrick (36); 3. Capt M. Naylor-Leyland's Friar's Folly (Miss S. Lawrence (291).

NOVICE SECTION II: 1. Miss V. Holgate's Night Cap (35); 2. M. Murdoch's Brigadoon II (36); 3. Miss J. Naylor-Leyland's Leadhills (38).

NOVICE SECTION III: 1. Miss P. Lamb's Justin VI (22); 2. Miss V. Holgate's Priceless (32); 3. Miss C. Whiteley's Vanezia (36).

MIDLAND BANK INTERMEDIATE: 1. Miss S. Bonet's Maytime III (42); 2. S. Koechlin's Highland Fling (Miss S. Hatherly) (51); 3. Mrs J. Graham's Capricorn VI (47).

Yachting

Batzill brothers move up three places after victory

By John Nicholls

Albert and Rudolf, the Batzill brothers from West Germany, were the deserved winners of the sixth race in the Flying Dutchman world championship at Hayling Island yesterday. For the first time since last Saturday when the series began, the breeze was relatively steady, and it was probably the second best race of the week.

The breeze was still light, however, scarcely enough to keep the crews out on their trapezes, and it was definitely a day for the light weather experts. The all-rounders, of course, take the weather as it comes, and most of the previous day's leaders on points are still in the hunt. The Batzills have improved their standing from sixth to third, with the first two places remaining unchanged.

The Diesch brothers, Jorg and Eckart, also from West Germany, were fifth yesterday, and are still the overall leaders. In second place are another pair of brothers, the Canadians James and Hugh Kidd. There were four sets of brothers in the first six boats to finish, with the family sequence being broken by Augie Diaz (United States) who finished second, and John Loveday (Great Britain) who was sixth.

Loveday improved his overall placing from tenth to ninth, but with only one race left, the best he can now hope for is a place *in the first six on points.* It is possible for any one of the present first six to win overall, so today's final race should be a proper finale. Only the weather could spoil our expectations and everyone at Hayling is keeping their fingers crossed.

Yesterday's weather was delightful, and the sailing conditions were reasonable. There was the usual wind shift during the first round which led to a new windward leg, but there were no wholesale place changes. Four of the first six boats at the windward mark were still among the first *six at the finish. The Batzills led* throughout, by a margin that varied from two minutes after the second beat, to one minute at the finish.

The Kidds held second place until the running leg of the second round, when they were overtaken by Diaz. Loveday was ninth at the first windward mark, and soon moved up to seventh, but his next gain was slow to come, reflecting the high standard of the men ahead of him.

SIXTH RACE: 1. A. and R. Batzill (W. Germany); 2. A. Diaz and M. Duane (US); 3. J. and H. Kidd (Canada); 4. E. and S. Vollebregdt (Netherlands); 5. J. and E. Diesch (W Germany); 6. J. Loveday and L. Dann (Great Britain).

OVERALL PLACINGS: (with discard): 1. Diesch 49 pts; 2. Kidd 51.7; 3. Batzill 52; 4. Diaz 63.7; 5. M. Bouet and T. Poirey (France) 65.5; 6. A. Abascal and M. Noguer (Spain) 70.

Norwalk, Connecticut, Sept 21.—The United States' entry, Patient Lady IV, won all four races against an Italian entry to win the international catamaran challenge trophy. The Connecticut boat finished the 19.5-mile, 11-leg race nearly 134 minutes ahead of its competitor.

Athletics

Ovett joins field for Dubai golden mile

Steven Ovett, the British World Cup and European 1,500 metres champion, has joined the strong field for Dubai golden mile in Tokyo on Monday. Ovett, who will fly out today, is making an attempt to lower the world record of 3min 49.4sec set by New Zealand's Olympic 1,500 metres gold medal winner John Walker

Ovett's new British record of 3min 52.8sec, set in Oslo in poor conditions on Wednesday, has convinced him he can run the fastest mile of all time.

Michael Boit, of Kenya, has had to withdraw because the Kenyan Amateur Athletic Association have notified the IAAF that Boit was still under suspension.

Fastest times over a mile or equal metre distance:

V. Abramov (USSR), 3:55.4; G. de Castella (Italy), 3:55; M. Centrowitz (US), 3:54.7; R. Dixon (NZ), 3:55.6; F. Gonzalez (France), 3.56; T. Ishi (Japan), 3:56.4; B. Malinowski (Poland), 3:56.6; S. Overt (GB), 3:56.8; H. Rono (Kenya), no best time registered; S. Scott (US), 3:53.9; T. Wessinghage (W Germany), 3:52.5 (European record); and G. Williamson (GB), 3:56.4.—UPI.

Tennis

Fibak finds Jarrett tidier and loses advantage

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Three former Millfield schoolboys have reached the last eight of the men's singles in the British hardcourt tennis championships, sponsored by the Inchcape group of companies. They are Mark Cox, John Feaver and, unexpectedly, Andrew Jarrett, who beat Wojtek Fibak, 6—2, 6—3 at Bournemouth yesterday. Jarrett's win made nonsense of the world rankings: Fibak is 17th, Jarrett 248th.

Fibak played at Bournemouth partly because he was reigning champion and partly because, for the general health of the game, even the celebrities of the grand prix circuit must compete in a few relatively modest "drop-back" tournaments. Last Sunday he played indoors in Texas and the swift transition to outdoor clay courts asked a lot of him. He said after the match that he tried to finish the rallies too quickly, that Jarrett was more patient and consistent.

Jarrett, aged 20, looks rather like a darker, younger version of Tommy Steele. Born at Derby, he lives at Seaford, but remains a fanatical supporter of Derby County ("It's difficult to get to the games, but I do my best.—I have a lot of friends at Derby and go up for long weekends". Jarrett hits his backhand two-fisted. He has become a useful player since his physique matured and he decided to take his tennis seriously.

Yesterday he had nothing to lose and played a tidier match than Fibak, who made too many mistakes to benefit from what were, at times, obvious advantages in court sense, experience, and versatility of shot. Jarrett won because, simply, his was a day when he played better tennis than Fibak—which means that Jarrett has raised the level of performance he must, in future, demand of himself.

The last eight are Jose Higueras v Feaver, Christopher Lewis v Angel Gimenez (whose black beard sits oddly with his first name), Paulo Bertolucci v Cox, and Ivan Molina v Jarrett. Cox, who easily disposed of Louk Sanders, was back on the court where, 10 years ago, he made tennis front-page news all over the world by beating Ricardo Gonzales and Roy Emerson.

Bertolucci decided that in view of the blue sky and bright heat he could safely discard a few outer layers of clothing. The sunshine is not the only benefit from the tournament's shift from May to September. At this time of year and in fine weather, it makes sense to put down a fine top dressing and flood the courts with water in the evenings. As a result, these courts, once a sour joke on the circuit, have become admirable to play on—"Much more like Continental clay", as Winnie Wooldridge put it yesterday.

With two three-set wins behind her, Mrs Wooldridge probably felt, deep within her, that she had proved all she needed to prove in terms of expertise and competitive tenacity. From 3-all in the first set, she won only 16 points from another of the over-30s, Susan Mappin, who timed her shots sweetly and kept them on target. Ann Jones, who won the Wimbledon, French, and Italian championships between 1961 and 1969, had to retire when 1—3 and 15—40 down in the second set after winning the first 9—7 from Belinda Thompson, 17 years her junior.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: J. W. Feaver beat P. Elter (West Germany), 6—3, 2—6, 6—1; C. J. Lewis (NZ) beat J. R. Smith, 6—3, 6—7, 6—4; A. L. Jarrett beat W. Fibak (Poland), 6—2, 6—3; P. Bertolucci (Italy) beat P. McNamee (Australia), 6—4, 6—0; M. Cox beat L. Asnaders (Netherlands), 6—1, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: Miss B. Thompson beat Mrs P. F. Jones, 7—5, 6—1 retired; Mrs C. Riedel (West Germany) beat Miss C. Molesworth, 6—4, 7—5; Miss S. Mappin beat Mrs R. Wooldridge, 6—2, 6—0; Miss S. Simmonds (Italy) beat Miss A. Hobbs, 4—6, 9—8, 6—1.

LOS ANGELES: R. Solomon beat C. Letcher, 6—1, 6—3; J. Newcombe beat C. Dibley, 6—1, 6—1; R. Tanner beat C. Richey, 6—1, 6—2; J. Borback beat B. Mitton, 5—7, 7—6, 6—4; P. Lloyd beat T. Waliko, 7—6, 6—2; P. Fleming beat J. Austin, 6—4, 6—2; E. Dibbs beat V. Pecci, 3—6, 6—2, 7—5; B. Gottfried beat V. Amritraj, 6—1, 6—3; K. Warwick beat A. Mayer, 1—6, 6—3, 7—6.

HARTFORD (Connecticut): First round: J. McEnroe beat S. Docherty, 6—3, 6—4. Second round: A. Parrison beat S. Smith, 6—3, 6—7, 7—6; J. Kriek beat M. Edmondson, 6—3, 6—1; W. Scanlon beat B. Manson, 7—5, 7—6.

MONTREAL: First round: C. Mayer beat R. Darmiatis, 7—6, 6—3; M. Tyler beat K. Ruddell, 6—0, 6—3; F. Durr beat B. Bruning, 6—3, 6—0. Second round: L. Dupont beat P. Medrado 6—7, 6—1, 7—6; V. Vermaak beat K. McDaniel, 6—4, 7—6.

For the record

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 12, Boston Red Sox 3; Minnesota Twins 5, Texas Rangers 3; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Kansas City Royals 4; Toronto Blue Jays 8, New York Yankees 1 (and 3—3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; New York Mets 7, St Louis Cardinals 6; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Montreal Expos 2; San Francisco Giants 6, San Diego Padres 2; Cincinnati Reds 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3.

Rugby Union

SCHOOLS: Caterham 26, Reed's 0; Chatham House GS 56, Dover GS 9; Colston's 15, Cotham GS 6; Royal Hospital School 14, Ipswich 13; St Olave's 28, Langley Park 4.

Hockey

MADRID: Women's World Cup: Group A: Japan 3, Belgium 3; Spain 9, W Germany 3. Group B: Canada 9, Czechoslovakia 0; Netherlands 2, Argentina 1.

Today's fixtures

SECOND DIVISION: Charlton Athletic v Notts County (7.30).

THIRD DIVISION: Tranmere Rovers v Bury (7.30).

FREIBURG (West Germany): Freiburg 2, New York Cosmos 0.

RUGBY UNION: Plymouth Albion v Cheltenham (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE: John Player Competition: First round (7.30): Castleford v Swinton; Salford v Rochdale.

Motor racing

Patrese banned from GP

Watkins Glen, New York, Sept 21.—Organizers of the United States Grand Prix at Watkins Glen next month have banned the Italian formula one driver, Riccardo Patrese, from the grid. The 24-year-old Arrow driver was bitterly criticized by several Grand Prix drivers after the early crash in the Italian Grand Prix a fortnight ago that cost Sweden's Ronnie Peterson his life.

A special inquiry, set up in Italy after the crash, cleared Patrese of responsibility after watching a film of the accident, but it is known that some drivers are still highly critical of the *young Italian's style of driving.* Malcolm Currie, executive director of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix, refused to explain the ban on Patrese. The Arrow team have not named a *replacement driver* for Patrese but the team manager, Alan Rees, was quoted today in an English newspaper as saying: "I believe there has been some pressure from some of the other drivers. If other organizers take the same attitude then Patrese is finished."

Altogether 29 entries have been received for the race, including two entries for Lotus. Colin Chapman, manager of the Lotus team, has not named a replacement driver for Peterson to line up with the world champion, Mario Andretti, but the second car will not carry Peterson's number. Sources here said that Mr Chapman has signed up a French driver for the last two *grand prix of the season.* The Brabham team have entered three cars. Apart from Lauda and Watson, the young Brazilian, Piquet, will join the team. Piquet *finished 14th in the Italian* Grand Prix, driving a McLaren.—Agence France Presse.

An Indianapolis opening in an English accent

Gentlemen, start your engines'

...apolis-style motor racing ...g to England next week. ...Europe's Grand Prix teams ...est for the last two races *...world championship calen-* ... the United States and ... 16 of America's top ...are making the journey in ...posite direction next Tues- ...

... will be bringing with them ... an estimated 60,000 lbs of ... and 167 mechanics, ...rs and officials of the ...States Automobile Club in ...o compete in the last two ... of the 16 race USAC cham- ..., sponsored by Citicorp. ...h the main event is the Indianapolis 500. The races ...ke place on succeeding ...ys—a 150 miles event at ...one on September 30, fol- ...by a 125 miles race at ...Hatch on October 7. Each ...l be preceded by two days ...tice in which drivers are ...med individually over four ... an otherwise empty track. ...16 *drivers making the* ...to England are the ...of 25 who took part in two ... qualifying tests at Michi- ...nternational Speedway in ...hen their average qualify- ...eed was 200.063 mph. ...the list of qualifiers is the ...ry A. J. Foyt, at 43 years ... a four-time Indianapolis ... and USAC champion on ...sions.

... one of at least nine of ...ries who will be using the Cosworth V8 engine ...d and built in Northampton ...h Duckworth. Inspired by ...bly successful formula one Duckworth's USAC power ...turbocharged, designed to ...methanol fuel and delivers ...twice the power of a three ...rand Prix engine. It should ... speeds in excess of 200 ... *be touched at Silverstone* ... first time.

...el of the USAC cars also ...ted in this country. For ...e, Al Unser, the 1978 ...polis winner, will be driv- ...ola, manufactured in Hun- tington, while Johnny Rutherford, the Indianapolis winner in 1974 and 1976, is one of three drivers entered in a McLaren, produced at Colnbrook.

The other two McLaren drivers are Wally Dallenbach and Salt Walther, the driver who survived the terrible first lap Indianapolis accident in 1973 and who, for the two British races is backed by the Runcorn-based Dayton Walther, truck component manufacturers.

The Penske of reigning USAC champion Tom Sneva was manufactured at Roger Penske's British base in Dorset, and another Penske will be handled by Rick Mears, at 26 the youngest but one of the 16 drivers (their average age is 36 and six of them are over 40) and one of the most promising new talents in USAC racing. With Gordon Johncock and Bobby Unser, both veterans, also in the list of qualifiers, the two British races will include every Indianapolis winner since 1973 and the last four USAC champions.

Al Unser counts his Indianapolis triumphs on one hand.

This is the first time that the USAC championship has been taken beyond north American circuits, and the £500,000 operation promoted by *Motor Circuit* Developments Limited, also marks a unique collaboration between the rival Silverstone and Brands Hatch circuits, as well as by the British Racing Drivers Club and the British Racing and Sportscar Club, which are based at the Northamptonshire and Kentish circuits respectively.

The two British race organizing clubs will be responsible for staging the two races in conjunction with USAC officials. As much of the traditional Indianapolis atmosphere as possible will be incorporated into the two meetings, including the famous time-honoured order "Gentlemen start *your engines", which will be per-* formed by Bette Hill, the widow of Graham Hill, who won the Indianapolis 500 in 1966.

John Blunsden

Players wait for open badminton

Executive with an eye for flight

Some frustrating months running on the spot, metaphorically, await the leading badminton players this season as the game prepares to go open next May. The International Badminton Federation (IBF) took the policy decision last spring in New Zealand but declined to allow any of its associations to change their structures with immediate effect.

A three-day IBF council meeting will draw up the new regulations in London after officials have watched a tournament arranged for world champions at Wembley on October 11. The revised rules will be confirmed at the IBF's annual meeting in Jakarta during the Thomas Cup men's team championship in Indonesia between May 25 and June 5.

The Badminton Association of *England (BAE), leading advocates* for the game to go open, have done their best to compensate the leading players as they wait to capitalize on their skill. They have set aside £8,000, out of £37,000 being put into the game's development at all levels, to pass to the top players in the form of training grants.

An important administrative change at the BAE during the summer brought the appointment of Air Vice Marshal G. C. Lamb as chief executive from October 2. The new post is part of a reorganisation connected with the retirement of Brian Bisseker from *the BAE secretaryship, though he* will continue to help the BAE during the changeover period.

"Larry" Lamb has retired prematurely after a distinguished career in the Royal Air Force to take the new post. He is best known in sport as an international rugby union referee but seems *well equipped to guide badmin-* ton through the important months ahead.

Another appointment is that of Thomas Marrs, best known for his work as an international team manager, to be *promotions manager.* The new thinking at the BAE is already reflected by one of the most hectic winter programmes for many years, with numerous new sponsorships helping to bring increased fixtures for all levels. After the champions event at Wembley, the new Laing *grand prix series begins at* Accrington on October 6-7 and England start their Thomas Cup campaign against Scotland on October 19 at Crowtree, Sunderland.

Apart from the usual county and national championships in *Europe, the programme* for the leading players also includes home internationals with West Germany, Norway and a tour by *the Canadians.*

John Havers, who forged such a fine spirit in the English ranks at the Commonwealth Games in *Edmonton, will carry the chief*

"Larry" Lamb: change in sport

responsibilities at representative level. Main playing burden in the men's events. Mrs Judy Hashman, Mr Havers's predecessor, has taken the BAE to an industrial tribunal, claiming wrongful dismissal, and the proceedings are due to be heard later this month.

Raymond Stevens and Michael Tredgett, the European men's doubles champions, are given third place behind two Indonesian pairs in the world rankings issued for the first time this autumn by the IBF's official magazine, *World Badminton.* Gillian Gilks, the All-England titleholder, heads the women's list.

Attempts to persuade Mrs Gilks to play doubles this season with Nora Perry have fallen through. Mrs Perry's regular partnership with Anne Statt, which brought *them the European and Commonwealth* titles, has effectively ended with Mrs Statt's departure to Denmark, following her marriage to Steen Skovgaard.

Sadly there is no better news of Margaret Lockwood's fitness. A third extensive operation to the troublesome right knee, which has hampered her for 18 months, has definitely put her out of the game until after Christmas at the earliest.

LEADING DATES: Sept 30-Oct 1: *English invitation singles tournament at* Bath; Oct 6-7, Laing grand prix, Accrington; Oct 11, Champions' tournament, Wembley; Oct 19, Thomas Cup, England v Scotland, Crowtree, Sunderland; Oct 20-21, Laing grand prix, Luton; Nov 16, England v West Germany, Whitchurch, Bristol; Nov 17-18, Laing grand prix, Gloucester; Dec 8-10, English national championships, Coventry; Dec 14, Ladbroke trophy, Cambridge; Dec 15-16, Laing grand prix, Bracknell; Dec 29-Jan 6, *All England junior championships, Watford;* Feb 2-3, Laing grand prix, Chester; Feb 8, England v Scotland, Barnstable; Feb 15, England v Canada, Redruth; Feb 15, Laing grand prix finals, Woking; Feb 18, England v Canada, Bradford; Feb 20, England v Canada, Crawley; March 16-18, All England qualifying tournament, Wimbledon; March 21-24, All-England championships, Wembley.

Richard Streeton

SPORT

Racing

Vaigly Great may have double vision

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Twenty-four sprinters have stood their ground for the Ayr Gold Cup, which is being sponsored by Burmah-Castrol again at Ayr this afternoon. The field includes the first four to finish 12 months ago — Jon George, Future Forest, Broom's Secret and Young Bob—and four others who also took part in the same cavalry charge — Private Line, Crimson Silk, Whenby and Hedge School.

The local hope, Future Forest, who is trained on the course, is fancied to go one better than last year when he was beaten only *half a length by* Jon George and his preparation has been geared with today in mind for a long time. Future Forest's most recent race was in the William Hill Sprint championship at York. He finished fourth there and that *was a heartening performance*. It was also only his second race of the season which means that he will strip a fresh horse, a big consideration at this stage of the season.

But well that *I* expect Future Forest to run, I still prefer Vaigly Great on this occasion. He has had only four races so he should be anything but stale. Anyone who was at Newcastle on August 7, as I was, and saw Vaigly Great run away with the Northumberland Sprint Trophy on soft ground could only fancy his chance of winning this race, too.

He was always going well within *himself and when Greville Starkey* set him alight a furlong from the finish, none of his rivals could keep pace. Starkey was even able to drop his hands before the end, yet Vaigly Great still had five lengths to spare passing the post. *In 1973, Michael Stoute trained* Blue Cashmere to win both the Northumberland Sprint Trophy and the Ayr Gold Cup.

After watching Vaigly Great work brilliantly with Music Maestro on the Heath last Saturday, our Newmarket Correspondent told me that he would not lay long odds against Vaigly Great pulling off the same double. By all accounts, the favourite is in sparkling form at present and he *is a confident selection to win* even this difficult race.

The field is so large that it will probably split into two groups from the start. In the last five years, the highest that the winner has been drawn has been 12. Vaigly Great has been drawn two and will be among those racing up the side of the course farthest from the stand.

It is much in his favour that a number of other fancied runners have also been drawn low, notably Future Forest, Absalom, Persepolis, Laser Lady, Lord Rochford, New Lane and Young Bob. Absalom put up a laudable performance at York last month when he won the Wykeham Handicap *under the steadier of 10st*. There was no steadying him at all, however, in the last furlong as he stormed clear of Persepolis and New Lane.

Although the handicapper had time to take that performance into *account before the weights for* today's race were published, I will not be surprised if Absalom again beats the two that chased him home at York even on altered terms. Lord Rochford would seem *to have the beating of Vaigly* Great judged on how they ran in the Stewards Cup at Goodwood but Vaigly Great has improved considerably since then whereas Lord Rochford has marked time.

Weth Nan and Private Line look the pick of those drawn high. Weth Nan will be meeting Private Line on much worse terms—16lbs —than when he finished only a length and a half in front of him at Doncaster eight days ago. In *theory at least, Private Line should* do better now.

Their will now be eight races at Newbury this afternoon because two had to be divided yesterday. Bluebell (2.45), Sea Ballad (3.45), Head Huntress (4.45) and Elusive *Pimpernel (5.15) are promising* rides for Willie Carson, particularly Head Huntress, who was beaten only two lengths by Formulate in her last race at Goodwood.

STATE OF GOING (official): Ayr: Good to soft. Newbury: Good to firm. Catterick Bridge (tomorrow): Firm. Bangor-on-Dee (tomorrow): Firm. Warwick (tomorrow): Steeplechase course: Firm. Hurdles course: Good to firm.

Newbury programme

1.45 BEENHAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I : maiden 2-y-o : £1,237 : 1m)

1 Amendment, I. Balding. 9-0 .... J. Matthias 6
3 000 *andsome, D. Kent. 9-0 .... — 1
5 0 Aversun, M. Salaman. 9-0 .... A. Cousins 2
9 00 Bold Owl, H. Wragg. 9-0 .... L. Piggott 7
11 4000 Canina, W. Turner. 9-0 .... — 5
25 Gold Legend, N. Vigors. 9-0 .... P. Cook 11
28 30 Graylane, R. Hannon. 9-0 .... — 10
31 0 Hill's Forecast, M. Stoute. 9-0 .... — 18
37 0 Lindoro, W. Hern. 9-0 .... R. Muddle 5 3
38 30 Lohengrin, J. Dunlop. 9-0 .... — 5
42 04 Marzook, J. Tree. 9-0 .... J. Mercer 13
48 00 Ponwith, D. Hanley. 9-0 .... P. O'Leary 16
51 Roman Victory, I. Balding. 9-0 .... A. Bond 4
52 24 Serge Lifar, B. Price. 9-0 .... B. Rouse 14
56 Talbhas Naofa, E. Reavey. 9-0 .... J. Reid 17
60 02 Tolstoy, M. Jarvis. 9-0 .... D. Raymond 8
63 0 Town Secret, M. Smyly. 9-0 .... F. Morby 9
64 000 Woodcote Park, D. Whelan. 9-0 .... J. Lynch 12

4-5 Serge Lifar. 11-4 Bold Owl. 7-2 Tolstoy. 8-1 Lohengrin. 10-1 Marzook. 12-1 Lindoro. 14-1 others.

2.15 MARLBOROUGH STAKES (3-y-o : £2,414 : 5f)

202 1212-20 *Amaranda (CD), H. Wragg. 8-13* .... L. Piggott 3
204 002300 False Witness, J. Stevens. 8-9 .... R. Weaver 1
205 303-0 Horace Martin (B), C. Brittain. 8-9 .... P. Cook 4
209 0011 Lily Marlene (D), L. Cumani. 8-13 .... W. Carson 2
212 10-0001 Saltation (D), Thomson Jones. 8-13 .... B. Rouse 5

15-8 Amaranda. 9-4 Saltation. 4-1 Lily Marlene. 6-1 False Witness. 12-1 Horace Martin.

2.45 FAIRHURST HANDICAP (2-y-o : £1,909 : 7f 60yd)

301 343233 Galaxy Capricorn, R. Hannon. 9-7 .... L. Piggott 5
302 210 Bluebell, W. Hern. 9-0 .... W. Carson 8
304 31 Espuma, G. P.-Gordon. 8-11 .... E. Eldin 2
305 211 Melanesia, H. Price. 8-10 .... B. Rouse 4
306 010321 Admiral Grenville, G. Harwood. 8-9 .... P. Waldron 3
307 0104 Tartan Glow, R. Vibert. 8-8 .... J. Reid 14
308 303233 Gosport, D. Whelan. 8-8 .... J. Lynch 12
310 00001 Queen's Niece, W. Wightman. 8-5 .... G. Baxter 11
311 03440 Afovos, C. Brittain. 8-4 .... P. Cook 15
315 0030 Faringdon Bell, J. Dunlop. 8-3 .... R. Muddle 5 6
317 0303 Tolamoss, P. Mitchell. 8-0 .... W. Swinburn 7 1
318 003000 Gentian Prince, T. Marshall. 7-10 .... R. Still 10
321 002002 Captain Courageous, D. Whelan. 7-8 .... N. Howe 5 9
322 000400 Quick Train, G. P.-Hoblyn. 7-8 .... R. Fox 7

4-1 Melanesia. 5-1 Bluebell. Galaxy Capricorn. 6-1 Admiral Grenville. 8-1 Espuma. 10-1 Captain Courageous. Queen's Niece. 13-1 Afovos. Gosport. 14-1 others.

3.15 WHATCOMBE HANDICAP (£2,066 : 7f 60yd)

401 000110 Fair Season (CD), I. Balding. 4-10-0 .... L. Piggott 5
403 3-1130 Connaught Crescent, W. Hern-Bass. 3-9-10 .... J. Mercer 3
405 410-010 Edna, M. Masson. 5-9-9 .... A. Bond 13
406 201230 Red Johnnie, C. Brittain. 4-9-6 .... P. Cook 7
411 044100 Casino Royale (CD), Doug Smith. 3-9-5 .... W. Carson 8
415 4-00010 Rough Love, H. Candy. 3-9-5 .... P. Waldron 9
413 10-0434 Overtrick (C), J. Dunlop. 3-9-1 .... R. Muddle 5 2
416 101132 Banco (C), R. Houghton. 3-8-13 .... J. Reid 11
417 030023 Stradey Park (B,C), R. Hannon. 4-8-13 .... — 1
420 022021 Aston Firs, G. Hunter. 4-8-10 .... J. Matthias 13
425 130030 Sandford Lass, H. Price. 3-8-7 .... B. Rouse 6
427 220410 Gimri, C. Benstead. 5-8-3 .... W. Swinburn 7 10
433 001040 Queen's Royale, M. Bolton. 3-7-9 .... — 4

7-3 Banco. 9-2 Overtrick. 11-2 Red Johnnie. 6-1 Casino Royale. 7-1 Aston Firs. 8-1 Stradey Park. 10-1 Edna. Sandford Lass. 12-1 others.

3.45 DONNINGTON STAKES (Div I : 2-y-o fillies : £1,195 : 7f)

503 0 Bold Blue, P. Cole. 8-11 .... G. Baxter 8
505 Bustilly, G. P.-Gordon. 8-11 .... E. Eldin 6
507 0 Byrrh, H. Candy. 8-11 .... P. Waldron 11
508 Calgary, I. Balding. 8-11 .... J. Matthias 3
509 Colonial Lady, J. Welch. 8-11 .... J. Lynch 7
512 00 Detonate, M. Smyly. 8-11 .... L. Piggott 14
515 0 Hanovia Light, P. Cundell. 8-11 .... M. Roberts 16
531 Merokette, N. Vigors. 8-11 .... P. Cook 1
531 0 Pem Pem, H. Price. 8-11 .... B. Rouse 12
535 Red Spider, M. Smyly. 8-11 .... J. Reid 13
539 0 *Royal Birthday, P. Arthur. 8-11 .... — 4
540 0 Royal Resident, J. Hindley. 8-11 .... J. Mercer 15
543 4 Sea Ballad, W. Hern. 8-11 .... W. Carson 10
550 0 San Approach, R. Akehurst. 8-11 .... — 5
551 00 *Swaynes Folly, T. Marshall. 8-11 .... R. Weaver 9
554 0 *Taryn, J. Nelson, 8-11* .... S. Eccles 5 1

7-4 Sea Ballad. 100-30 Royal Resident. 9-2 Pem Pem. 11-2 Detonate. 8-1 Byrrh. 12-1 Calgary. 12-1 others.

4.15 FALKLAND HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,763 : 1¼m)

603 11-4000 Destiny Girl, P. Cundell. 9-9 .... W. Higgins 5 2
604 1-00 Cordon, B. Hobbs. 9-3 .... J. Lynch 5
605 01-0022 Shady Nook, H. Blagrave. 9-1 .... B. Raymond 5 1
606 0-00214 Jimmy Hill, G. Harwood. 8-13 .... E. Eldin 10
607 002120 Brigante, W. Hern. 8-10 .... W. Carson 9
608 001033 Tumbiar (B), G. P.-Hoblyn. 8-10 .... I. Johnson 7
610 132402 Swanlinbar (D), R. Houghton. 8-7 .... J. Reid 6
612 040132 Cothill (B), M. Smyly. 8-2 .... P. Cook 4
615 002112 Parengeta, R. Hannon. 7-10 .... C. Leonard 11
616 003000 Starshot, L. Holt. 7-10 .... I. Jenkinson 5
617 1-00000 Gipsy Scott, M. Masson. 7-7 .... R. Street 8

7-2 Cothill. 4-1 Parengeta. 9-2 Swanlinbar. 6-1 Shady Nook. 8-1 Jimmy Hill. Tumbiar. 12-1 Cordon, Brigante. 14-1 others.

4.45 DONNINGTON STAKES (Div II : 2-y-o fillies : £1,195 : 7f)

1 0 Autumn Harvest, I. Walker. 8-11 .... R. Colquhoun 7 10
11 Golden Cobweb, G. Balding. 8-11 .... R. Weaver 9
17 24 Head Huntress, W. Hern. 8-11 .... W. Carson 2
19 Kind Thoughts, H. Candy. 8-11 .... P. Waldron 3
21 0 La Pythie, H. Cecil. 8-11 .... J. Mercer 18
21 *Latin Song, P. Arthur. 8-11 .... — 14
26 0 Macrope, M. Smyly. 8-11 .... F. Morby 1
28 *Marine Victory, G. P.-Gordon. 8-11* .... E. Eldin 13
32 0 Palevna, C. Brittain. 8-11 .... P. Cook 6
35 0 Pelican Point, I. Balding. 8-11 .... J. Matthias 12
36 00 Reltop, Doug Smith. 8-11 .... B. Raymond 8
37 0 Rightly So, R. Akehurst. 8-11 .... B. Rouse 7
44 3 Scintillate, J. Tree. 8-11 .... L. Piggott 16
46 Second Swallow, P. Cole. 8-11 .... G. Baxter 4
52 0 Sweet As A Nut, W. Wightman. 8-11 .... J. Reid 5
56 00 Tilian Princess, L. Holt. 8-11 .... I. Jenkinson 11

5-4 Head Huntress, 13-8 Scintillate. 9-2 Pelican Point. 8-1 Reltop, 13-1 others.

5.15 BEENHAM STAKES (Div II : maiden 2-y-o : £1,229 : 1m)

3 Ammonite, P. Cundell. 9-0 .... M. Roberts 17
4 Athford, H. Candy. 9-0 .... P. Waldron 2
6 00040 Bank Law, D. Hanley. 9-0 .... C. Ramshaw 10
7 023 Barley Hill, B. Hobbs. 9-0 .... G. Baxter 16
10 0 Bold Robin, H. Collingridge. 9-0 .... G. Sexton 6
18 00 Crown Pageant, C. Brittain. 9-0 .... P. Cook 9
20 30 Elusive Pimpernel, W. Hern. 9-0 .... W. Carson 15
26 00 Gordon Jones, L. Holt. 9-0 .... R. Weaver 3
28 Greatham House, H. Cecil. 9-0 .... J. Mercer 14
30 0 Greenwood Tree, I. Balding. 9-0 .... J. Matthias 11
35 2 Jondi, P. Mitchell. 9-0 .... L. Piggott 5
36 Lanarkland, J. Dunlop. 9-0 .... R. Muddle 5 8
49 000 Quite Right, W. Wightman. 9-0 .... B. Raymond 1
54 000 Smoke Screen, J. Bethell. 9-0 .... J. Reid 12
59 0 Tigrish (B), Mrs N. Birch. 9-0 .... T. Rogers 4
61 0 Tom's Little Al (B), W. Williams. 9-0 .... R. Millman 7
67 000 *Well Polished, G. Hunter. 9-0* .... J. Lynch 13

9-4 Barley Hill. 11-4 Elusive Pimpernel. 7-2 Jondi. 6-1 Greatham House. 8-1 Crown Pageant. 13-1 Greenwood Tree. 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.45 Tolstoy. 2.15 Amaranda. 2.45 Bluebell. 3.15 Banco. 3.45 Sea Ballad. 4.15 Parengeta. 4.45 HEAD HUNTRESS is specially recommended. 5.15 Elusive Pimpernel.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Tolstoy. 2.15 Amaranda. 2.45 Espuma. 3.15 Red Johnnie. 3.45 Bustilly. *4.15 Cordon. 4.45 Reltop. 5.15 Barley Hill.*

Ayr selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Miss Jollees. 2.30 Mill Street. 3.5 VAIGLY GREAT is specially recommended. 3.35 Evesboy. 4.5 Epilogue. *4.35 Sahibson. 5.5* Safety Measure.

Ayr programme

[Television (IBA) : 2.30, 3.5, 3.35 and 4.5 races]

2.0 BUCHANAN STAKES (2-y-o : £1,877 : 5f)

1 441000 Wally's Wonder (CD) (A. Muir), M. Naughton. 9-2 .... E. Hide 14
2 0000 Admiral Song (B) (P. Menzies), P. Haslam. 8-11 .. B. Jago 12
3 0000 Ego (B) (D. Faulkner), E. Carr. 8-11 .... B. Taylor 13
4 000000 Lens Lad (B) (Mrs G. Bielby), J. Haine. 8-11 P. Winter 7 2
5 000 Mummys Mischief (B) (G. Thornton), J. Etherington. 8-11 .... G. Starkey 8
6 040030 Observation Star (B) (W. Marshall), W. Marshall. 8-11 .... P. Perkins 10
7 40340 Oyston Estates (Oyston Estate Agency), J. Berry. 8-11 .... E. Apter 7
10 04000 Alright-With-Me (Mrs W. McAlpine), W. H. Williams. 8-8 .... M. Birch 1
11 00 Butter-Me-Up (Mrs W. McAlpine), W. H. Williams. 8-8 .... M. Wigham 9
12 020000 Ecstasy (C. Spencer), M. W. Easterby. 8-8 .... P. Eddery 6
13 040002 Final Request (Mrs A. Sheddon), P. Asquith. 8-8 .. S. Perks 5
15 000302 Haskala (G. Wollatt), K. Ivory. 8-8 .... K. Leason 4
18 032004 Miss Jollees (F. Barlow), C. Thornton. 8-8 .. J. Bleasdale 11
21 200400 Star Lady (K. Ivory), K. Ivory. 8-8 .... J. McLean 7 3

11-4 Oyston Estates, 4-1 Miss Jollees, 5-1 Wally's Wonder, 13-2 Final Request, 8-1 Haskala, 10-1 Observation Star, 12-1 Lens Lad, 14-1 Mummys Mischief, 16-1 others.

2.30 SAM HALL STAKES (3-y-o : £3,746 : 1m 7f)

201 4111 Centurion (Colonel J. Berry), I. Balding. 9-3 G. Starkey 5
203 311121 Amerian (G. Ward), R. Houghton. 8-13 .... D. McKay 4
204 410042 Ancient Briton (Colonel R. Hutchison), C. P.-Gordon. 8-13 .... M. Thomas 1
205 161101 Chokwaro (P. Muldoon), M. H. Easterby. 8-13 .... M. Birch 2
207 001022 Karkorian (C. St. George), H. Price. 8-10 .... B. Taylor 3
208 101004 Majestic Maharaj (J. Hanson), J. Hanson. 8-10 G. Johnson 7
209 0-03411 Mill Street (Mrs D. McCalmont), P. Walwyn. 8-10 P. Eddery 6

100-30 Chokwaro. 4-1 Majestic Maharaj. 5-1 Amerian. 11-2 Centurion. 7-1 Ancient Briton. 8-1 Mill Street.

3.5 AYR GOLD CUP (Handicap : £15,276 : 6f)

301 0024-04 Future Forest (CD) (P. Cameron), W. H Williams. 5-10-0 .... A. Kimberley 6
302 111-001 Absalom (CD) (Mrs C. Alington), R. Jarvis. 3-9-13 .... M. Thomas 8
303 000000 Private Line (D,B) (G. Greenwood), C. Brittain. 5-9-8 .... E. Hide 19
304 1-23044 Weth Nan (D) (Essa Alkhalifa), H. Price. 3-9-7 B. Taylor 21
305 20-3331 Vaigly Great (D) (T. Sellier), M. Stoute. 3-9-6 G. Starkey 2
308 000000 Jon George (CD,B) (Mrs G. Newsome), J. Bingham. 4-9-0 .... T. Ives 16
311 100043 Beethoven (D) (W. Greenwood), S. Nesbitt. 4-8-10 .... K. Leason 7
312 140000 Whenby (C,B) (J. Henderson), M. W. Easterby. 4-8-10 .... C. Eccleston 11
313 213001 Emperor's Shadow (CD) (S. Hill), R. Hollinshead. 3-8-10 .... P. Shrimpton 7 22
314 230132 Persepolis (D) (Lord H. de Walden), P. Walwyn. 3-8-7 .... P. Eddery 9
315 030221 Laser Lady (D) (A. Clegg), P. Cole. 4-8-7 .. M. Wood 5 10
317 013120 Crimson Silk (CD) (G. Weir), R. Mason. 4-8-5 .... G. Duffield 24
318 040481 Peiard (W. C. Watts), W. C. Watts. 4-8-5 D. Nicholls 5 15
319 330043 Lord Rochford (B. Shine), B. Swift. 3-8-4 .. J. Blanks 5 4
320 101100 I Don't Mind (D) (Mrs H. Vernon), J. Berry. 4-8-4 .... E. Apter 12
321 318634 New Lane (T. Freer), M. H. Easterby. 3-8-3 .... M. Birch 5
322 400020 Mangolia Lad (J. Rees), N. Adam. 5-8-1 .... J. Bleasdale 13
323 1-01311 Single Gal (CD,B) (Mrs J. Hamilton), J. W. Watts. 3-7-13 .... J. Lowe 14
324 100020 Broom's Secret (CD) (W. Brown), M. H. Easterby. 4-7-11 .... S. Salmon 18
325 200602 Nice Value (Exors of late R. Johnson), R. Hollinshead .... 4-7-10 M. Wigham 17
326 200620 Hedge School (D) (Mrs Z. Kerry), Denys Smith. 4-7-9 .... A. Mercer 5 20
327 120222 Young Bob (B) (J. Hanson), J. Hanson. 5-7-9 E. Johnson 1
328 302140 Roger Bacon (B) (J. Haine), J. Haine. 3-7-8 K. Darley 3 23
329 041-1 Springy (G. Guetta), L. Cumani. 3-7-7 .... P. Tasker 7 3

6-1 Vaigly Great, 9-1 Absalom, 10-1 Laser Lady, Future Forest, 12-1 Lord Rochford, Single Gal, 14-1 Private Line, New Lane, 16-1 Jon George, Peiard, 18-1 Roger Bacon, Beethoven, 20-1 Emperor's Shadow, 22-1 Persepolis, 35-1 Weth Nan, 28-1 Young Bob, Crimson Silk, 33-1 Nice Value, Magnolia Lad, 40-1 others.

3.35 STRATHCLYDE HANDICAP (3-y-o : £3,596 : 1m)

401 001312 Evesboy (D) (G. Harwood), G. Harwood. 9-7 G. Starkey 5
402 25100 Camacho (CD) (S. Sand), R. Bass. 9-7 .... J. Bleasdale 4
403 123013 Rhineland (D) (Mrs D. McCalmont), P. Walwyn. 9-2 .... P. Eddery 2
404 001004 Budget Queen (K. F. Butler & Co. Ltd.), D. Keith. 8-11 .... B. Taylor 7
405 343410 Bertie Me Boy (D) (H. Timm), M. H. Easterby. 8-1 .... M. Birch 1
406 01-0008 Tarzan (D) (Captain M. Lemos), C. Brittain. 8-1 E. Hide 6
407 011108 Staffordshire Knot (D,B) (T. Degg), R. Hollinshead. 8-1 .... K. Darley 3 3

3-1 Evesboy. 100-30 Rhineland, 6-1 Camacho, 11-2 Budget Queen, 15-2 Bertie Me Boy, 7-1 Staffordshire Knot, 8-1 Tarzan.

4.5 EGLINTON AND WINTON HANDICAP (£4,253 : 2m 1f)

503 040080 Spanish Armada (Rbt. Wheatley Ltd.), W. Marshall. 4-9-4 .... P. Perkins 1
504 020304 Matinale (Mrs O. Thurston), B. Hills. 5-9-4 .. E. Johnson 3
506 313810 Nation Wide (H. Wragg), H. Wragg. 5-9-2 .... B. Taylor 2
507 323021 Moonlight Rag (J. Martin), H. Candy. 5-9-1 .. R. Curant 4
509 002411 Epilogue (Mrs J. Bricken), B. Hobbs. 4-8-10 .... E. Hide 5

9-4 Moonlight Rag. 3-1 Matinale, 4-1 Epilogue. 6-1 Nation Wide. 15-2 Spanish Armada.

4.35 COYLE STAKES (2-y-o : £1,895 : 6f)

603 3281 Inside Quarter (Miss B. Robson), Denys Smith. 9-4 .... K. Darley 3 7
604 002 Denmore (Major T. Adam), J. Nelson. 8-11 .. P. Eddery 8
605 0000 Earl's Court (H. Moore), C. Crossley. 8-11 .... E. Apter 1
606 000 Fort Lonesome (A. Currie), D. Basso. 8-11 .. E. Johnson 10
609 00 Hopstone (Mrs B. Oliver), J. W. Watts. 8-11 .... J. Lowe 5
610 000000 Klondike Kaptive (R. Parker), G. Richards. 8-11 .... O. Gray 6
611 0 Lemon Grey (H. Wells), W. Elsey. 8-11 .... A. Flint 2
614 03 Sahibson (Heathavon Stables Ltd.), R. Hollinshead. 8-11 .... T. Ives 4
615 03 Standaan (A. Richard), C. Brittain. 8-11 .... E. Hide 9
616 00 The Clansman (Mrs G. Harper), W. H. Williams. 8-11 .... M. Wigham 3

2-1 Standann, 100-30 Inside Quarter, 5-1 Denmore, 11-2 Sahibson, 7-1 Klondike Kaptive, 10-1 Hopstone, 13-1 Fort Lonesome, 16-1 others.

5.5 KINTYRE STAKES (3-y-o fillies : £1,523 : 7f)

1 043421 Emerald Rocket (R. Howarth), E. Weymes. 9-2 G. Duffield 7
2 040401 Safety Measure (G. Clark), W. Elsey. 9-2 .... E. Hide 6
3 4-00000 Alpine Rose (B) (Mrs A. Carr), C. Thornton. 8-10 .... J. Bleasdale 10
4 032030 Bonitass (B) (A. Spence), W. Gray. 8-10 .... E. Apter 2
5 00 Cabaletta (Mrs N. Napier), J. Bethell. 8-10 .... J. Lowe 11
6 3 Coldron Mill (Miss S. Thomson), J. Etherington. 8-10 .... M. Wigham 12
7 0004 Leona (Mrs E. Burke), W. H. Williams. 8-10 .... M. Birch 3
8 000464 Pineplace (M. Taylor), M. Cousins. 8-10 .... S. Perr 7 9
9 3-0 Quartette Royale (D. McGregor), W. H. Williams. 8-10 .... R. Hutchinson 4
11 000260 Rhein Princess (H. Zeisel), B. Hills. 8-10 .... E. Johnson 1
12 000020 Ridaasha (W. Greenwood), S. Nesbitt. 8-10 .... T. Ives 13
13 00-0022 St. Theresa (Mrs. E. Williams), W. Hastings-Bass. 8-10 .... P. Eddery 8
15 00-0000 Track Sovereign (Mrs. R. Mason), R. Mason. 8-10 .... N. Brannick 7 5

3-1 Emerald Rocket, 4-1 Rhein Princess, 5-1 St. Theresa, 6-1 Safety Measure, 8-1 Quartette Royale, 9-1 Coldron Mill, 10-1 Alpine Rose, 12-1 Bonitass, 14-1 Cabaletta, 20-1 others.

Ayr results

2.0 (2.1) SHAW HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,134: 6f)
Wharton Manor, br f by Gallivanter—Manor Pride (J. Forrest) 8-0 .... L. Charnock (15-1) 1
The Sandford .. E. Hide (5-2 fav) 2
Sweet Zest .... J. Lowe (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Smoke Singer, Oh Simmie, 9-1 Government Bond, 25-1 Tangsen, 33-1 Brendan (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.41; places, 36p, 11p, 19p; Dual forecast, £1.82; Denys Smith, Bishop Auckland, 4l, 1l, 1min 14.61sec. Mrs Trotter (8-1) and Black Mark (8-1) were withdrawn. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduct 20p in the pound.

2.35 (2.37) HARRY ROSEBERY TROPHY (2-y-o: £6,378: 5f)
Abdu, b c by Balidar—Makura (A. Foustock) 9-2. P. Eddery (4-1) 1
Innini .... B. Taylor (7-2) 2
Touch Boy .... E. Hide (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Rassu, 10-1 Antique Bloom, Paducah (4th), 14-1 Caika, 16-1 Sindys Flame. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 13p, 18p, 21p; Dual forecast, 48p; W. O'Gorman, Newmarket. 1min 02.93sec. 1½l, ½l.

3.5 (3.12) LADBROKES AYRSHIRE HANDICAP (£7,393: 1m 5f)
Remezzo, ch c by Ribero—Camina Bay (Capt M. Lemos) 4-9-7 E. Hide (6-1) 1
Review .... M. Birch (5-1) 2
Senator Sam .. A. Mercer (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav St Briavels (4th), 6-1 Nepares, 8-1 Mr Fordette, 12-1 Takachiho, 14-1 Godila. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 24p, 14p, 32p; Dual forecast, 80p; C. Brittain, Newmarket. 2min 24.47sec. Nk, 2l. Celtic Pleasure and Tpiowah did not run.

3.35 (3.38) JACK JARVIS HANDICAP (2-y-o: £3,967: 1m)
Dibbinsdale Lad, ch c, by Sandford Lad—Travelling Fair (Cheshire Hotels Ltd.) 7-10 .... K. Darley (4-1) 1
Twickenham .... J. Matthias (100-30 fav) 2
North Page .... N. Howe (11-3) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Schweppervescence (4th), 8-1 Pinkerton's Man, 10-1 Bold Front, 12-1 Arms King, 20-1 Straight Schweppes. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win: 36p; places, 11p, 19p, 18p; Dual forecast: 50p. C. Crossley, at Wirral. 1min 46.38sec. 1l, 1l.
Border Squaw was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 does not apply.

4.5 (4.7) KELBURNE STAKES (£3,043: 1m 5f)
Grand Niece, b f, by Great Nephew—Vhairi (D. Winn) 4-8-13 .... J. Lowe (3-1) 1
Rathdowney .. C. Roche (6-4 fav) 2
Martial Game .... E. Hide (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 King of Darby, 7-1 Hills Treble (4th), 20-1 Cooks Corner, 100-1 Alleyn. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 16p, 14p; Dual forecast, 16p. J. W. Watts, Richmond. 3min 55.57sec. 3l, 5l.

4.33 (4.37) TROON STAKES (2-y-o fillies; £1,352: 7f)
House Maid, b f, by Habitat—Memsie (Capt. A. Rogers) 8-11 .... J. Lowe (7-4 fav) 1
Snow Chief .. M. L. Thomas (12-1) 2
Bird Reserve .... L. Charnock (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 L'Artiste, 15-2 Stour Blessed, 14-1 Bella Ragalsa, Derrynane, 16-1 Mull, 20-1 Bridge of Elspo (4th), Crown Evidence, Greek Blossom, Pearls Fantasy, Red Jeans, Royal Vale, Worden Lady, 33-1 Fille d'Or, Glandyne, La Fille, Lucky Apple, Pandio's Secret, Spring Swallow. 21 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 19p, 32p, 40p; Dual forecast, £5.74. J. W. Watts, Richmond. 1min 31.42sec. ½l, 6l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Remezzo and Grand Niece, £8.80. TREBLE: Abdu, Dibbinsdale Lad and House Maid. £16.55. Jackpot: £506.85. Placepot: £11.80.

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2.30: 1, Hopton (5-4 fav); 2, Prince Pury (10-1); 3, Orange Hayes (7-1). 15 ran.
3.0: 1, William Penn (4-6); 2, Spartan Tudor (7-1); 3, Lakeside (9-1). 4 ran. Chumolagri and Dunmarc did not run.
3.30: 1, Brag (7-1); 2, Greenfingered (4-1); 3, Tamdhu (20-1). Benevolence 5-1 fav. 7 ran.
4.0: 1, Dee Lane (7-4); 2, Salatis (6-1); 3, Brother Bronche (10-11). 4 ran.
4.30: 1, Fine Fellow (5-4 fav); 2, Tudoramun (33-1); 3, Loeann Lad (16-1). 6 ran.
5.0: 1, Regency Wood (8-1); 2, Lilah Holen (6-1); 3, Sing Man (11-8 fav). 9 ran.

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2.15: 1, Granny's Gift (11-8 fav); 2, Court Express (2-1); 3, April Lass (15-1). 7 ran.
2.45: 1, Catamac (8-11); 2, Lords (6-2); 3, The Jeanstan (100-30). 5 ran.
3.15: 1, Silversmith (8-11); 2, Birdcage Walk (11-1); 3, Shoot The Lights (16-1). 11 ran.
3.45: 1, Kent's Mill (5-2); 2, Gummers Row (1-3). 2 ran.
4.15: 1, Kloten (5-3); 2, Quick Charge (14-1); 3, Gracious Spirit (8-1). 8 ran. Cut and Run 4-6 fav. Iron Fighter did not run.
4.45: 1, Kuanu (2-5); 2, Pony Burn (7-2). 5 ran. Night Messenger did not run.
DAILY DOUBLE: £28.60. TREBLE: £8.50.

Abdu finishes season on victorious note

Abdu brought his winnings to £19,122 when storming back to form in the Harry Rosebery Trophy at Ayr yesterday, beating Innini by —— and a half lengths. His sequence of eight wins in a row was brought to an end at Doncaster last week by Devon Ditty but the Newmarket trainer, William O'Gorman was not happy with that defeat and was confident Abdu would make amends. "I expect that will be Abdu's last race this year. He will be kept to pattern races during 1979", O'Gorman said.

Remezzo shrugged off top weight and a 5lb penalty in the Ayrshire Handicap when beating Review by a neck. Edward Hide has now had 80 winners this season, and Remezzo was another success for the in-form Newmarket yard of Clive Brittain.

Dibbinsdale Lad, a model of consistency this season, had a well earned victory in the Jack Jarvis Memorial Nursery Handicap when beating the fast finishing Twickenham by a length. William Watts, the Richmond trainer who was on the mark here on Wednesday with Running Jump, continued his great run with a double with Grand Niece and House Maid. Both were ridden by Lowe, who teams up with the well fancied Single Gal for the stable in the Ayr Gold Cup. Grand Niece ran out a very easy three lengths winner from an Irish challenger, Rathdowney in the Kelburne Stakes, while House Maid beat Snow Chief by half a length in the Troon Stakes.

Luca Cumani with his string badly hit by the virus and coughing for a 10-week period in midsummer, never dreamt he was set for his best season. But winners have come thick and fast for the Newmarket trainer in recent weeks, and he brought off his third treble in the past five days with Spring in the Air, Do Be Daring and Ellidians at Great Yarmouth yesterday. The three Italian-owned horses, all odds on favourites, were Lester Piggott's only mounts.

Washington invitations

Laurel, Maryland, Sept 21.—Noble Dancer II, an English-bred contender for the American turf championship, will represent the United States in the Washington International. Haakon Fretheim, the owner, accepted an invitation to run the six-year-old against foreign entries in the race over one and a half miles here on November 4.

Noble Dancer II, then representing Norway, finished fourth in 1976 after a similar finish in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Noble Dancer II has won five of *her nine races this year, including* the United Nations Handicap, and has earned $384,390.

Exceller, who finished third as France's representative last year, had been previously named as an American entry. John Schapiro, Laurel's president, has also extended an invitation to England's Hawaiian Sound, who was second in the Derby.

Record sales: Mill Reef fillies are breaking records at Goffs Yearling Sales. One of them attracted a record £250,000 bid and on Wednesday night, another was sold for 170,000 guineas, the top price on the third day, to *Buckland Farm Stud* in Virgina.

Great Yarmouth

2.15 (2.17) HERRING FISHERIES STAKES (2-y-o: £860: 5f 25yd)
Spring in the Air, br c, by Pitskelly—Manera (G. Guglia), 9-0 .... L. Piggott (8-13) 1
Heywood Hardy .. G. Baxter (12-1) 2
Hard Frost ...... J. Lynch (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-2 Sovereign Seeker (4th), 8-1 Blue For You, 20-1 Willow Red, 25-1 Chinese Kung Fu, 50-1 Dawn Preview, Riyal, Rough Gold. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 11p, 31p, 21p; dual forecast, 60p. L. Cumani, at Newmarket. 1l sh hd.
After a Stewards inquiry the result was amended as follows: Sovereign Seeker who finished second was placed fourth. Heywood Hardy (third) was promoted to second place and Hard Frost (fourth) was placed third.

2.45 (2.46) NORFOLK WHERRY HANDICAP (£863: 1m)
Come Play With Me, b g, by Jukebox—Compatriot (D. Sullivan). 3-10-0 .... M. Rimmer (6-1) 1
Lady Whitefoot Delmot Ford (7-1) 2
Eve .... A. Auld (5-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Merci, 13-2 Sylvan d'Or, 10-1 Dissanite, Dropshot, 14-1 Hakima, 16-1 Happy Victorious (4th). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 18p, 13p, 13p; dual forecast, 68p. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket, ¾l, nk. Red Fox did not run.

3.15 (3.16) ALBERT BOTTON HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,749: 1m)
Top Call, br f, by High Top—Last Call (J. Wigan). 8-10 .... F. Durr (2-1 fav) 1
Show Appeal .... R. Muddle (9-4) 2
Top of the Table .... W. Carson (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Up The Swanee (4th), 11-1 Best of Luck, 12-1 Cades, 20-1 Wasantha, 25-1 Card Palmer, 33-1 Devon May. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 15p, 20p, 13p; dual forecast, 99p. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. ¾l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.48) STAYERS HANDICAP (£1,284: 2¼m 26yd)
Dolben Lad, b h, by Lauso—Viana (P. Day), 6-9-2 .... B. Rouse (13-8 fav) 1
Haywire .... D. McKeown (4-1) 2
Thorganby Balashka .... W. Carson (9-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Alaskan Prince, 33-1 Chiquera (4th), Grecian Fighter, 66-1 Grey Gown. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 11p, 26p; dual forecast, 41p. H. Westbrook, at Newmarket. ¾l, ½l.

4.15 (4.18) GORLESTON STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,184: 7f)
Do Be Daring, br, by Darring-Do—Beira (L. Gallo-Roisseard), 8-11 .... L. Piggott (8-13) 1
Taftelia .... A. Bond (16-1) 2
Haven Bridge .... J. Mercer (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Escarpment, 10-1 Baltiline, 25-1 French Minuet, 33-1 Ghosting, Juhayna (4th), 50-1 Base Camp, Bold Shari, Dragonara Lady, Easter Girl, Piney Lake, Pink Glow, Sang Sang Fat Fat. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 11p, 69p, 15p; dual forecast, £2.01. L. Cumani, at Newmarket, 2l, 1l. Betyle, Milfvers, Miss Thonburi and Silent Youngster did not run.

4.45 (4.46) YARE STAKES (£1,037: 1½m)
Ellidians, b f, Great Nephew—Ellida (Mrs E. Palmieri), 3-8-9 .... L. Piggott (4-7) 1
Oula-Ka Fu-Fu .. J. Mercer (9-2) 2
Limit Up ...... B. Rouse (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Phil The Fluter, 11-1 Norwich Girl (4th), 50-1 Parsley Jack, Netherleigh, Blue Coral. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 12p, 80p; dual forecast, 23p. L. Cumani, at Newmarket, 1l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Top Call and Do Be Daring: £5.40. TREBLE: Come Play With Me, Dolben Lad and Ellidians. £6.40.

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The Ministry of Public Works of the Republic of Indonesia hereby gives notice of the construction of a Freeway with divided four lanes from the Port of Surabaya to Gempol-East together with the construction of undivided two lanes from Gempol-East to Porong and the re-surfacing of the existing road from Porong to Malang.

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Prequalification Documents completed in the English language will be received not later than November 15, 1978.

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HIGHWAYS

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Valerie Mairesse in 'One Sings, the Other Doesn't'

David Robinson

It is a substantial recommendation for *L'Une chante, l'autre pas*, that the more militant feminists charge it with being sentimental and novelette. This is only a way of saying that too many feminist film makers have tended in their zeal to the view that you *cannot* be a woman and ordinarily human too. Agnès Varda, the director of *Cléo de 5 à 7*, *Le Bonheur* and *Les Créatures*, has always put the human qualities of her people *first—though it may* take a certain effort of memory to remember, since a gap of 11 years separates *L'Une chante, l'autre pas* from her last French-made feature.

The new film, which appeared on the sidelines at Cannes in 1977 (it was disqualified from competition since Varda's husband, the director Jacques Demy, was on the jury), takes as its text Simone de Beauvoir's dictum that "A woman is not born, but made". Varda traces the making of her two heroines over a period of 14 years and through the drastic changes in social conditions and attitudes between the years 1962 and 1976. The two women are generally far apart—in fact they meet no more than half a dozen times during these years—and very different; but they are joined by a bond of friendship that proves stronger than love or marriage.

In 1962 Pauline (Valerie Mairesse) is already the rougher and more resourceful, though she is only 17, while Suzanne (Thérese Liotard) is 22. Suzanne is weighed down by the responsibilities of poverty, of a melancholy, hypersensitive photographer, and of two children. Pauline gets her the money for an abortion, and in the process splits definitively with her own parents. The photographer commits suicide.

Their next meeting is 10 years later. Both have lived through the trauma of '68. Pauline is now "Pomme", a singer with a group of feminist activists. Thérese has made herself independent, a working woman, and runs a birth control clinic.

The next four years see further changes. Pauline marries an Iranian, has a baby, but walks out on the marriage when her cosmopolitan liberal turns out to be an Islamic male chauvinist. Thérese cautiously enters a marriage that will probably be happy.

The links between the lives and the years is provided by their picture postcard correspondence, by flashback recollections, and by an intermittent commentary spoken by Varda herself.

Put like this it might sound—and might well have been—an artificial and schematic tract. It is not so at all, partly because Varda (who wrote as well as directed the film) has constructed it so subtly that it flows as naturally as time itself; partly because of the richness of the two main performances. Valerie Mairesse has a round face surrounded by an explosion of blonde curls, and is all reliability and good sense. Thérese Liotard has a more classic beauty and a silent, puriens resilience. More than the individual characters though, there is the strength of their feeling for one another.

It is a very loving film, rather than an explicitly propagandist one: a film about women rather than a feminist film; and above all, a film about the difficulties and the joy of being human and alive, if only you can make it. The melancholy photographer, with his pictures obsessively recording the tragedy of being woman, was not equal to it. Pauline and Suzanne, building their castles of picture postcards and snapshots, rejoicing as much in the changing contours of pregnancy (one of Pomme's songs is "How great to be a bubble, how great to be a balloon") as in the right to refuse motherhood, have won through. The film is peculiarly heartening and (in case I have not made the point) exceptionally enjoyable.

It would be nice to think that there was a new wave of films which were about people liking one another, rather than killing, maiming, assaulting, raping and robbing, which so often seems the stuff of movies. *Outrageous* is another very loving film—though such is our scale of values that it is prohibited by an X certificate to young people who are allowed into *F.I.S.T.* or *The Swarm* or *The Wild Geese*.

It is about two misfits who cling together for a little warmth and strength. Lisa (Hillis McLaren) is a hopeless case, a schizophrenic whose greatest terror is of doctors and the hospitals into which her parents are always trying fondly to lock her. Robin (Craig Russell) is a tubby little transvestite with a talent or obsession for doing impersonations of the great and glamorous ladies of the screen. These assumed alternative personalities, providing escape and fulfillment for a frustrated existence, have their own kinship with the imaginary beings who befriend or menace poor crazy Lisa.

Hence, perhaps, Robin understands Lisa better than anyone else, and takes her into his apartment, though, as Lisa reassures her anxious psychiatrist, "We sleep in different worlds". The two of them patch up each other's inadequacies at least enough to cope with the world. Robin goes to New York and has a success as a club performer. Lisa has a stillborn child and a terrible decline until Robin fishes her out of Canada and brings her to New York and the reassurance that "You have a healthy case of craziness. *Let it work for you*".

The optimistic message is that nobody is whole: the trick is to reckon your peculiarities as resources rather than handicaps. Robin turns what might have been just a kink into an art form. If there is a weakness in the argument, of course, it is that Robin is not just a sad little drag-queen hairdresser, but Craig Russell, an artist whose impersonations have something like genius about them. (This was his first film role and won him the prize for Best Actor at last year's Berlin Film Festival.)

He has an unerring taste which removes from female impersonation any suggestion of smut or the pathological. His costumes and wigs are subtle and hilarious, but he hardly needs them. Not only his voice and his personality but his very features seem to change as he passes from being Judy Garland to Carole Channing, to Mae West, to Bette Midler, to Bette Davis, to Joan Crawford, to Ella Fitzgerald. As Russell does them, they have no relation to the sort of sacred cow impressions which are the stuff of life to club drag artists. His are a form of creative, critical caricature: and very funny. With the polish of the great old vaudeville performers, he leaves standing any other artist in the field.

To the credit of Richard Benner's writing and direction, as well as to the performances, the virtuoso fireworks of Russell's stage act do not, as they could easily have done, throw the balance, or flatten the cake with icing. The ultimate and enduring and encouraging quality of this endearing film is its respect for people and their oddities and the happy message that "You are alive and sick and living in New York—like eight million other people".

First Artists is a company formed by a number of first-rank Hollywood stars, to give them independence to select and control their own material. Steve McQueen has elected to go legitimate with Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People*. If anything he and his director, George Schaefer, have erred on the side of playing down too much the star image. McQueen is totally concealed in a thicket of Old Norwegian whisker, and the role of Dr Stockman is submerged to a point which makes Peter Stockman—a stirring performance by Charles Durning, who till now has generally been stuck with tough cop roles—the central character.

The play nevertheless survives wonderfully well. The very contemporary relevance of its theme is clearly brought out in a lively version of the text, adapted by Alexander Jacobs from Arthur Miller's New York stage version. The film has all too modestly resisted the temptation to "open up" the play: it might have been interesting to see just how that mysterious thermal institution really looked.

The Electric Cinema Club offers another literary adaptation—Wim Wenders's version of *The Scarlet Letter*, made in 1972 but until now never shown in this country. The director himself does not regard the film highly, and indeed it can only be recommended as a curious addition to the Wenders canon. There is an evident clash of temperament: Wenders's attempt to superimpose his own rather vagrant narrative styles on Hawthorne's narrative and his own familiars (Hans Christian Blech as Chillingworth) on the characters produces a misty, enigmatic quality quite external to the mystery of the original narrative. Credibility is undermined by the new-pin fancy-dress cleanness of it all, and an inappropriately smoochy musical score.

When so many excellent French films never reach London, it is mysterious that anyone should go to the trouble of importing anything so idiotic as *Le Sauvage*. It is about a man whose Robinson Crusoe island is invaded by a blonde and female Friday; and promotes that persistent movie fallacy that if a woman is only irritating enough, she will be irresistible. This girl wrecks all Crusoe's machinery, steals his food, and brings in her trail gangster friends who destroy the lot. Naturally, the man is as a result so besotted that he goes to jail for love, and afterwards follows her across the world. Catherine Deneuve, in the wrong hands, is a remarkably dim actress; and she could not be in worse hands than those of Jean Paul Rappeneau, who can make even Yves Montand look like an amateur.

L'Hôtel de la Plage is also lax and amateur, but at least it is the sort of thing you can doze through in an enervated way. It lacks the life of *A Nous les Petites Anglaises*, by the same director, Michel Lang, who is clearly fascinated by the strange psychological effects of seaside holidays.

Rodrigo Moynihan and the English

Although Rodrigo Moynihan has lived mainly in France for the past 20 years, had a Spanish mother to whom he always spoke Spanish, was born in the Canaries (where his English father was a fruit broker), spent three school years in New Jersey, United States, and has a Canadian second wife, he still considers himself to be basically a Londoner.

Yet when he talks of the British, his tendency to sigh, drop his voice to a lower growl, and shake his leonine head in bafflement becomes more marked. What, for example, he muses, is one to make of an institution, the Royal Academy, which gives its first major retrospective exhibition of a living painter to someone—himself—who resigned from it 21 years ago?

"They don't ask anything of you, *they don't ask you to* become a member again... no obligation ... marvellous catalogue ... it's astonishing", he said wonderingly in the RA's council chamber, so familiar from his years as an academician.

Then again there was the case of *Art and Literature*, the magazine he edited from Paris with his wife, Anne Dunn. John Ashbery and Sonia Orwell from 1964 to 68. "It had an extraordinary reputation world wide—except in England, of course. The English are so grudging. Then suddenly the penny drops, and they make a marvellous gesture, like this exhibition.

"I've not been popular, you know. I feel it all the time. The establishment is always in two minds ... it's the old British snobbery."

Slightly unreasonably perhaps, for a man rising 68 with ample experience of the strange vices and virtues of the British, Moynihan expresses surprise that people should be baffled by the multifariousness of his output as a painter and its seemingly violent oscillations between the abstract and the figurative. "To me, the handwriting certainly seems to be the same all the way through.

"People don't take very much trouble. They say, here is a realistic painting, here is an abstract painting, therefore he has changed his style. But style is a way a thing is done, not necessarily the subject matter.

"A man may do realistic portraits at the same time as mythology. In a way, abstract painting is the mythology of our times. In other words, you invent it, you choose the colour in an arbitrary way. But that doesn't stop you doing a portrait or a bowl of fruit."

Without any self-congratulation, Moynihan finds it extraordinary how limited many contemporary painters have become in their subject matter, notably in Paris and New York. He found specious the argument of a French painter to whom he commented on this sameness: that you paint to make bricks. The bricks are the same. It is the house they make which is you.

He suspects that dealers may be an influence. "If a commodity doesn't change very much, it's saleable in Buenos Aires, Montreal, wherever you like. I have actually been told by dealers: 'You don't give us enough of *this* lot, we can't market them, they are too few.'" That is rather a stultifying argument for the artist.

"People have said how much they enjoyed this exhibition because it's so interesting. Isn't modern art losing contact because it bores people: yards and yards of the same thing?" The recent Motherwell exhibition at the RA, minimally attended, was an example, he agreed. "Either such work is kept going by small, high-brow support, or it just dies of anaemia."

As anyone who visits the RA exhibition will confirm after following Moynihan's odyssey from his notorious "objective abstractions" of the mid-1930s, through the realism of the Forties and Fifties, and the landscape-based abstracts of the Sixties, to the still lives and portraits of recent years, anaemia is not in his blood.

In human and perhaps also artistic terms, the biggest break was in 1957, when he resigned both as a Royal Academician and as professor of painting at the Royal College of Art, and went off to live in France with the painter Anne Dunn, whom he married in 1960. "I really wanted a little time to experiment and find myself again, which I did", he recalled.

For the previous 16 years he had made an increasingly good living as a successful, even fashionable portrait painter, but had grown "tremendously tired" of doing about 10 commissioned portraits a year. "I didn't seem to be making any progress: I think you have to feel you are learning something".

Yet even during the largely abstract period which followed, he continued to draw from nature: the space down paths, the fragmentation of distance between the branches of pine trees, the colour of certain undergrowth. Equally with those flat areas of colour inspired by a lake in New Brunswick, Canada, where they have a log cabin, "the form seemed to be always this division between water, sky and earth, implying some kind of movement", he said.

Then, having grown rather to despise portrait painting, he started painting old friends, like Francis Bacon and William Coldstream, around the time of an illness in 1973. Now he has even accepted a commission, to paint Dr James Griffiths, the President of Magdalen College, Oxford. He has the use of a house in London, and hopes to use London in some way in his work. Perhaps the magnificent retrospective at Burlington House, open till October 15, and reviewed by John Russell Taylor in *The Times* on September 13, will help him to feel accepted in his own country, and reduce some of the mutual bafflement.

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Gloo Joo
Hampstead

Irving Wardle

With no passport and no visible means of support, Meadowlark Warner sees himself as "British through and through", and thefore registers unbelieving amazement when two immigration officials pounce on his Brixton residence with the intention of putting him on the next plane "back" to Jamaica.

As Meadowlark's Creator happens to be a Jew, everything works out without resort to racial melodrama. Michael Hastings puts the centuries-old guile of the Diaspora at the disposal of his West Indian Schweik, and the evening passes into a zone of comic delirium as stroke after stroke of *chutzpa* demolishes British officialdom.

Mr Hastings's favourite trick is to make lies come true. Repeatedly he shows his hero frantically lying his way out of trouble, and then verifying every word he says. He is guilty of all that the officials suspect, and when he protests against being booted out of the country or his wedding day, you despair of his chances.

But no: A flesh and blood *fiancée turns* up at the airport, complete with trousseau. Unfortunately she carries an Irish passport, and Meadowlark swiftly eliminates her, claiming he has another fiancée on the way. Sure enough, the delectable Edna (Akosua Busia) planes in: Black, but a British passport holder with a Civil Service background that enables her to tie the officials in knots.

With all set for the marriage, a rabbi arrives and again Meadowlark takes disaster in his stride. Certainly he is a Jew, and obviously the rabbi would never have heard of the Temple of Nimrod, as it looks after only black Jews. Warming to this theme, Meadowlark embarks on an impassioned sermon tracing the history of this lost tribe of Babylon to the immigrant wing of Gatwick. At which point, the officials cave in and act as witnesses at his wedding, after themselves undergoing interrogation by the rabbi and toasting the couple in South African sherry.

The events are clearly impossible, but what matters is that they supply the basic theatrical pleasure of seeing an amiable, quick-thinking hero wriggling out of trouble. Oscar James's resourcefully good-natured performance establishes Meadowlark firmly in the long line of stage rogues for audiences with everything they cannot achieve in their own lives.

Gloo Joo is not a one-character play. And Michael Rudman's characteristically immaculately cast production also has great sport with the immigration men; a soberly officious Antony Brown, and a thuggish Dave Hill. The ingenuity here is that these two switch sympathies at half time, the courteously correct Mr Brown turning implacably hostile (after a wonderfully played scene of mute outrage at Meadowlark's latest string of lies), and his strong-arm companion coming round to respect the manacled bridegroom as a master in his own line of business.

Oscar James, Akosua Busia — Photograph by Donald Cooper

Z Cars
BBC 1

Ion Trewin

Z Cars went out with a bang, literally. It was not a vintage final script. Indeed, perhaps it was a mistake to attempt any harking back to those early programmes of 1961 when policemen were first portrayed with a realism, often harsh and uncomfortable, that was unknown to a public brought up on a painless diet of *Dixon of Dock Green* and *No Hiding Place*.

After the first *Z Cars* episode 17 years ago, *The Times* reported the complaint of a senior officer of the Lancashire County Constabulary that the force felt "pretty badly let down". But I doubt that there was more than mild irritation over last night's final instalment.

Otherwise, it was a night of mixed sentiments with many of the original *Z Cars* faces making fleeting appearances. Brian Blessed and Colin Welland looked middle-aged and prosperous; Jeremy Kemp and Joseph Brady middle-aged and quirky. Realism was out. They were playing civilians calling in at the station to report a smell of gas whereas their ex-sergeant, Frank Windsor, was back as his *Z Cars*, *Softly Softly*, *Task Force*, self, John Watt, in the rank of Detective Chief Superintendent only a week away from retirement and on his old patch investigating the bent copper.

The plot had several more strands in typical *Z Cars* manner: a young kid whose mother had scarpered with "her fellah"; a poetic prodigal who returned spreading £10 notes like there was no tomorrow before being knifed in a "genre"; and all the while Newtown police station was being made proof against everything from Armalite rifles to the massed unemployed under the direction of a dapper, gadget-happy security expert from London.

We also had John Phillips back again, mixing charm with steel in his inimitable way as the chief constable. But there was no Barlow. It was this ruthless, but generous-hearted policeman who gave *Z Cars* its original character. Sadly in recent years, with its concessions to soap opera formulae, it has dissipated into a cosiness more akin to *Coronation Street*. Perhaps that is why we call them Panda cars today?

And the bang? Well, that gas that everyone was getting so worked up about, finally exploded. What a way to go!

Lark Rise
Cottesloe

Ned Chaillet

Take a stroll to Lark Rise; or, better, a stroll through Lark Rise; or, as the National *Theatre would* have it, a promenade. Like *The Passion* last month, *Lark Rise* is a revival of a production by Bill Bryden and Sebastian Graham-Jones which is meant for pedestrians. The action in Keith Dewhurst's adaptation of Flora Thompson's book, *Lark Rise to Candleford*, swirls through the Cottesloe and, as the seats on the lower level have been removed, the audience swirls with it.

The first few minutes are rather perversely energetic. There is a moment when the Albion Band stops playing its merry electric folk music and the villagers of Lark Rise emerge at one end of the room, gathering a crowd to hear young Valerie Whittington speak the elegiac opening lines, then the action is immediately at the other end of the room, by the slightly raised platform that represents Flora Thompson's childhood home in Oxfordshire. Barely has the audience adjusted to that before the field hands start swinging scythes across the floor, clearing the public from the centre of the room.

The crowd soon learns how to behave, either waiting for the action, which always returns to the different places, or pushing to the front, or retreating to the balconies which offer an overall picture. Whichever they choose, the gently humorous telling of the story will seem different to everyone who watches it, with different actors from the fine company emerging beside them to tell stories and becoming more important. As Emma Timms, Mary Miller is able to develop richly and consistently, but there are small gems of acting from such as Dinah Stabb and Dave King.

The Seraglio
Coliseum

Stanley Sadie

When the Emperor Joseph II told Mozart he had written "too many notes" in *Die Entfuhrung*, he was right if he meant that some of the arias were long and elaborate for this plot. But the notes are such good ones, deployed with such richness and such inventiveness; and posterity has rightly decreed the emperor wrong in absolute terms.

It is good to have the opera back at the ENO, and in a production as lively as this one. Stefanos Lazaridis's designs, with their glittering gold, their complex trellis work, their enclosed balconies (a neat way of justifying the female voices in the choruses) and their onion-like shapes are arguably over-lavish and heavy, but they are by no means out of key with the music and they plausibly catch an eighteenth-century view of the exotic Near East.

With the generous humour around Osmin in the opening scenes, it looked as if John Copley's production, taking its cue from the facetious dialogue, was going to be too busily jokey and too little attentive to the music. But it calmed; the long ritornello to "Martern Aller Arten", a traditional invitation to excess, was mimed only modestly, and the big scenes like the second-act quartet and the closing ones were sensitively treated with due concern for what was happening both to the people and in the score. Characteristically, Mr Copley is apt to press naturalism further than it ought to go; we do not need to see (or mock at) Osmin at prayer or the Pasha in the equivalent of a negligee. Still, this is a good-looking, inventive, entertaining production.

Wednesday's revival is musically strong, too; in the pit it began a little shakily, but the wind intonation quickly settled and the conductor, Lionel Friend, set sensible tempi and accompanied considerately. In Anthony Rolfe Johnson we had a very fine Belmonte: pure and clear of tone, graceful in his phrasing, catching the proper stylized ardour in "O wie angstlich" and coping comfortably with the complexities of "Ich baue ganz". He was rewarded with a no less accomplished Constanze in Valerie Masterson. "Ach, ich liebte" seemed rather heavy and tense, but the G minor aria was strongly expressive and by "Martern Aller Arten" she was in splendid voice, throwing back the Pasha's threats in brilliant and heroic tones and with fiery coloratura. Dennis Wicks supplies a fruity if not quite sufficiently weighty Osmin, and Sandra Dugdale and Terry Jenkins a spirited pair of servants. Carl Ottley was a Pasha of unusual dignity and warmth.

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What is absolutely clear, however, is that the policies favoured by Mr Teng, which are being pursued in industry, foreign trade, defence and education, are quite different from those of Mao, and they are being pushed forward at a great rate.

Until now it has been hotly denied by Chinese officials that this is so. Since Mao said so many things and wrote so much in his lifetime his words can be used to justify almost any policy.

But as it becomes clearer that Mao's policies are being dismantled it becomes more necessary to explain why they were wrong, as is apparently the opinion of the people around Mr Teng.

The way chosen is to explain to the people of China that although Mao was a great leader in his day, and a significant contributor to revolutionary theory, his thinking must be seen in the context of its time, and is not necessarily valid when taken out of context.

This has been put out in the mainland press quite openly and does not appear to have caused any great controversy, though doubtless there are people who feel Mao's thought has a more universal validity than it is being given now. Fortunately Mao himself admitted that he could make mistakes, so it is only necessary to quote him to prove the point.

Much more controversial, and probably the next stage of the campaign to remove Mao from his ideological pedestal, is the question of the originality of his work. It has been suggested by an exceptionally well-informed left-wing Chinese magazine in Hongkong that large parts of Mao's speeches and articles were written for him by other people.

That assertion is obviously more contentious, because it raises a host of historical questions as to who wrote what or put what idea into Mao's head. It is all the more tricky since quite a number of the people involved are probably still alive and active today.

In other words, the autopsy on Mao's works may disclose controversial things about their organs, which can only complicate an already complex political scene in Peking.

Although Chinese political struggle is usually defined as being between two broad lines of thought, it is also a very intricate matter of personal relationships and forms of indebtedness. For these to be gone over in a new analysis of Mao's works could stir up quite a few old wasps' nests.

Probably the most important single area where Mr Teng has reversed Mao's policies is education. The restoration of academic university entrance examinations for school leavers, the reinstitution of elite schools for bright children, the reduction of political study and manual labour for students—all are things Mao would instantly have denounced as "revisionist".

Oddly enough, it is no longer quite so risky to use the word "revise" in a good sense in Chinese.

Mao would probably also have been against the huge increase in foreign trade which Mr Teng is proposing to finance with the aid of foreign companies working on Chinese soil. He would have opposed the reintroduction of traditional forms of Chinese culture devoid of political content, and the wider access to foreign literature being permitted now.

Another clear reproach to Mao is the rehabilitation of the reputations, and in some cases the persons, of people who fell into disgrace or died as a result of the Cultural Revolution. This is happening not only at the top, but throughout the administrative machine. In province after province there have been police enquiries to unmask those responsible for ruining the careers of, or even killing loyal communists from 1965 on.

Most of this is welcome news to China's friends, among whom worship of Maoism has in many cases been dropped in favour of a more realistic appreciation of China's problems and means of solving them.

David Bonavia

MBFR talks resume

Hope for a break in Vienna deadlock

That the Duke of Wellington, Alexander I, Metternich and Talleyrand must have had an easier time of it may well cross the minds of the Nato and Warsaw Pact delegates as they sit down in the baroque splendour of the imperial palace in Vienna next Thursday for the sixteenth round of the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction (MBFR) negotiations.

The previous session had seen an important breakthrough but was adjourned in July in complete disagreement over the total of Warsaw Pact ground forces in Central Europe. There was a discrepancy of 150,000 troops between the figures given by the Warsaw Pact and Nato delegates.

For four and a half years the talks had made little progress. Pressed by the Mansfield Resolution of March, 1971, calling for the unilateral withdrawal of many of the 200,000 American troops in Europe, President Nixon took up the simultaneous challenge to Nato by Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, to open the bottle and taste the wine of détente.

During his visit to Moscow in May, 1972, Mr Nixon obtained Soviet agreement that talks on force reductions in Europe should be held in parallel with the European Security Conference, which is so dear to the Russians. He also persuaded his Nato partners with the exception of France, to take part.

Preliminary talks began in Vienna in January, 1973, in a calm and businesslike atmosphere. Both sides agreed that the objective was "to contribute to a more stable relationship and to the strengthening of peace and security in Europe" by reducing forces and armaments in the central region, which was defined as Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, West Germany, East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Their representatives, together with those of countries with troops stationed in the area, that is the United States, Canada, Britain and the Soviet Union, were to be active participants, while the other members of both alliances (less France, Portugal and Iceland) would attend as observers. It was agreed to maintain the principle of undiminished security for each party.

However, when negotiations began in earnest it rapidly became clear that there was a fundamental difference of approach between the two sides. Nato representatives considered that in order to overcome the large superiority in men and tanks of the Warsaw Pact as well as the glaring geographical disadvantage—American troops would have to withdraw some 3,000 miles across the Atlantic, while Soviet forces could step over their frontier only 400 miles across the Polish plain—reductions should be asymmetrical to obtain a common ceiling of ground troops. Warsaw Pact delegates, however, maintained that their advantage in manpower and tanks was more than balanced by the technological superiority of the West and that therefore cuts should be equal or proportionate.

The other major disagreement was about who should withdraw. Nato wanted a two-stage reduction, involving only American and Soviet ground troops in a first phase. The Warsaw Pact, clearly with an eye on the 340,000-strong West German land forces, insisted on percentage cuts to apply equally to all participating nations. They also wished to include air and nuclear forces.

Throughout 1974 and 1975 the talks stagnated. An offer by the West in December 1975 to withdraw 1,000 nuclear warheads and 90 launchers (54 F4 Phantoms, 36 Pershings), thus accepting the introduction of a nuclear element into the negotiations, failed to break the deadlock. Negotiators continued to meet but world interest declined.

It was revived by the success of the strategic arms limitation talks (Salt). Alarmed by the accord of the superpowers concerning their strategic weapons, the Europeans felt that they also needed an agreement to cover them. During his visit to Washington in July, 1977, Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, requested measures to stimulate the force reduction talks. This resulted in the Nato proposal last April for the withdrawal of one Soviet tank army of 68,000 troops and 1,700 tanks in exchange for 29,000 American troops, plus the previous nuclear offer.

To the surprise of the West, the Warsaw Pact reply in June accepted the asymmetrical reduction principle by proposing initial cuts of 30,000 Soviet troops and 1,000 tanks for 14,000 American troops, and agreed to phased withdrawals starting with the two big powers. Most importantly, the pact agreed to the common ceiling of 700,000 ground troops for each side. In subsequent negotiations they also showed some flexibility about the problem of reductions by the other participating nations, although they did not accept the Nato position of a common collective ceiling with decisions on the nationality of reducing forces being left to each side.

The biggest obstacle, however, was the insistence that there were 805,000 Warsaw Pact ground troops in the central region, while Nato was convinced that they have about 955,000. As both sides agreed the figure for Nato troops at 781,000, reductions on this basis would leave the Warsaw Pact with a superiority of 150,000 men—the equivalent of 10 divisions—which Nato clearly could not accept. It was at this point that the last round of talks ended.

Frederick Bonnart

Six years in limbo

andans still hoping a British home

lapidated former artil- school 15 miles from 36 Ugandan Asians their days waiting for to Britain. They ady spent six years at bidding Traiskirchen camp, sharing cramped s with other refugees y nationalities. The tunate of the 300,000 e passed through the nce it was opened dur- Hungarian uprising in e spent on average six nside the 6ft walls.

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ja, who is 35, his wife sons, aged three and ve in one room mea- 5ft by 12ft. It is part arracks from which, style, rooms lead off ral corridor.

aja's elder brother, Mr n Vaja, aged 41, his wo teenage daughters on, have the privilege extra room where the have slept since he ed infectious tuber- two years ago.

Vaja family, like other n Asians in Trais- , are strict Hindus. re unable to eat the ooked in the camp can- They cook their own n an electric hotplate in oms.

only income is their llowance, which both were able to claim for st time this year, and a month Mr Ratilal is paid for working full-time in the camp.

the Vajas left Uganda end of a three-month set by President Amin ravel documents spoke temporary destination". ay they were verbally d admission to Britain. hundred and twenty s of their family, in- four brothers, two sis- their widowed mother, ere evacuated by the authorities, are in living mainly in the r area.

do not want a penny he British", the Vaja s say. "We're quite of supporting our- If there is no work, we eate it with the help of nily."

United Nations official isits the camp once a always gives them the nessage: that the auth- are doing their best and e back in three weeks' The Ugandans staged a strike in 1974, at the Nations High Commis- for Refugees' Vienna Now much of the fight n knocked out of them.

spokesman for the is Mr Zulkifar Manzal, 0, who lives in a small, e room with a typewrit- a large English diction- company. He has card- boxes full of correspon- "In October I am going n the lot", he says. "It use any more. They are o let us rot here."

anzal is enraged by the ent the group has d from the United s, the Home Office and ustrian Government. "I the Austrian Govern- 100 per cent for what happened", he says. spent £450,000 building or us to live in without us whether we wanted

ien we refused their they washed their of us. They call their our humanitarian. To us, o not want to stay here ho were promised settle- in Britain, it is tyranny. The camp staff here has done its best for us, but its powers are very limited. We do not know where to turn. Let the British admit the 17 most urgent cases among our group. Another 17 are not going to bring Britain to its knees."

Last week 1,935 refugees of 32 nationalities were registered at Traiskirchen. Although 600 others are housed in more modern accommodation elsewhere in Austria, the camp is permanently overcrowded. Since it opened the international refugee organizations and the Austrian Government have quibbled over the cost. As a result, until this year, only the most essential repairs and conversions were carried out. Some accommodation is in prefabricated buildings.

During the first half of this year the number of refugees, mainly from Eastern Europe, rose by 80 per cent compared with the same period last year. Yet there are no plans to expand the accommodation.

Tensions between national groups often rise to breaking point. Two months ago the whole of the Albanian group, 48-strong, had to be moved to other quarters outside the camp after they were besieged by more than 100 other camp inhabitants bent on vengeance after a number of rapes and knifings.

The camp's 75 permanent staff, including two doctors and five nurses, have learnt to live and work in these conditions. The kitchens are modern and hygienic, the three meals a day of balanced nutritional value, but there is no allowance for religiously-based dietary needs.

"We are extremely humane", Herr Karl Radek, the camp director who has been in charge for 15 years, says. "But we do not believe in taking over private responsibilities. While here, a man remains responsible for himself and his family. Otherwise after six months he is in no condition to be sent out into a world of hard realities."

The refugees are looked after by one of the six refugee aid organizations, including the World Council of Churches and Caritas, who have their offices in the camp. From them they receive their only guaranteed income, pocket money of between £1 and £3 a week.

The camp staff begins negotiations with the country to which the refugee wishes to emigrate. In principle no one is allowed to stay in Austria. The United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia and West Germany are the main destinations.

There is a labour exchange within the camp but few refugees obtain legal employment. Traiskirchen is an area of high unemployment and a new Austrian law permits only those who have been given political asylum to seek a job.

The guard on the gate and the high walls are there to protect the refugees, the camp management says. East European embassy cars regularly cruise the streets near the camp, trying to contact refugees and persuade them to return home. "We know they sometimes come over the wall, but we are powerless unless we surround ourselves with barbed wire", Herr Radek says.

"We know that some of the East Europeans are infiltrators, sent by their governments to report on the camp. We have nothing to hide. Nothing has changed here in years."

The problem of the Ugandans, one of whom carries a British passport, seems unsurmountable. "If no one does anything to help these people to get into Britain they will simply go to the dogs", Herr Radek says.

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Don't take my word, just read it

A year or so ago, I wrote a column about my absurdly belated discovery of Joyce Cary. I have since been working my way steadily through his novels, and propose to devote a second column, today, to a further assessment. I shall then finish the rest, and may well write a third. If the idea fills you with dismay, I can only advise you to read his books; you will then at worst be able to compare my judgment with your own, and at best feel no need to read me on the subject at all. I am, however, obliged to add that if, having read him, you do not think him a towering genius, you ought not to be reading either him or me, at any rate with any hope of profiting by doing so.

When I first wrote, I had read only three of his books: the Gulley Jimson trilogy *Herself Surprised*, *To Be a Pilgrim* and *The Horse's Mouth*. I have now read another nine: *A Fearful Joy*, *Aissa Saved*, *Mister Johnson*, *Castle Corner*, *Charley is My Darling*, *The Captive and the Free* (his last novel) and the Chester Nimmo trilogy *Prisoner of Grace*, *Not Honour More* and *Except the Lord*. (The last three I read in the wrong order, not knowing them to be connected, because of the *idiotic inadequacy* of the blurb on the uniform edition by Michael Joseph, which tells the potential reader nothing about the books, and does not even, in the bingraphical data it does include, say when Cary was born. Not that it really matters, as each of the novels in the two linked series is complete in itself, and can be read in ignorance of its siblings; but it strengthens my feeling that publishers ought to be legally classified as inanimate chattels, or at the very least regularly whipped through London at the cart's tail.)

I now have only four more of Cary's novels ahead of me, together with a volume of short stories and a quantity of miscellaneous non-fiction, and the feeling of desolation that will inevitably follow the completion of this journey is already beginning to close about me.

But the loss will be only a sensation, and fleeting; the gain real, and permanent. The discovery of an author who makes a serious and lasting addition, even alteration to one's life is something that inevitably happens more and more rarely as the years go by. I cannot remember the last time it happened to me: last, that is, before it happened with Joyce Cary.

And for once it is not difficult to say why. Before doing so, however, I must express a sense of wonder at the technical skill—itself amounting to genius—he had. Take the Nimmo trilogy; the three books are all written in the first person, and the three narrators are Nimmo himself, the woman who left her first husband for him and thereafter seesawed between the two men, and the other man. The three characters could hardly be more unlike. Nimmo (who is presumably modelled on Lloyd George) is the complete political man—calculating, hypocritical, silver-tongued, unprincipled yet driven by deeply-held beliefs as well as a longing for power; his wife is shallow, untruthful, incapable of lasting fidelity, yet with a real capacity for real love; Latter (whose entire book takes the form of a statement while awaiting trial for murder) is consumed by bitterness, narrow patriotism and a fanatical conviction of rectitude. For each of these Cary devised a separate style; flowing and orotund for Nimmo (although *Except the Lord* concerns only the autobiographer's early years, it is being written, we are given to understand, at the end of his life), brittle and breathless for Nina, dour and staccato for Latter. Yet there is no sense at all of pastiche, of speech-patterns or thought-processes studied and reproduced; each of the three books has an absolutely natural life of its own, and a complete inner coherence, the three "voices" conveying, as they are intended to convey, different facets of the same characters and their relationships. (And another thing; do not seek in Joyce Cary for principal characters who wear only one aspect: his understanding of the complexity of the human soul is complete.)

In *Charley is My Darling* he achieves something even more amazing in the way of getting into his characters and writing their book from the inside. It is about a group of children—evacuees and villagers at the beginning of the Second World War—and Cary not only portrays with astounding authenticity their thoughts and words—he even manages with apparently effortless ease a feat that has baffled some of the greatest of writers (Shaw, for instance): the reproduction of demotic speech, with its slang, its accent and even its phonetic spelling, and not content with doing this for the invaders' Cockney, he actually manages to do it simultaneously with the residents' Devonian. The extent of his success in this particular achievement is simply not to be believed on my word of hand alone, however vehement or even convincing I sound; you must read the book, and marvel.

In doing so, you will marvel at something more important: at Cary's ability to understand the mind and heart of a child, which I suppose, when you come *to think of it, is not really more remarkable* than his repeatedly demonstrated ability to do the same thing for the mind and heart of an adult, which is remarkable enough. For his insight into the springs of human feeling and action is so penetrating and so revealing that I do verily believe that he is in the very next rank to the greatest of them all; to find a novelist who saw more deeply and conveyed more truly you have to go to Dostoievsky and Tolstoy, Balzac and Goethe, Mann and Hesse. Only those of you who have read what I have written over the years about Forster and his influence on my life and thought will truly understand the meaning of this conclusion: I believe that Cary was the greater.

Yet it is not his technical skill, nor even his understanding, that makes *Joyce Cary, the master he is.* (And I have said nothing about his powers of physical description, nor the transmutation into art, in such books as *Aissa Saved* and *Mister Johnson*, of his years of service in Africa.) What makes him a life-enhancer is the overwhelming sense the reader gets from him that the universe, for all its horrors and inexplicabilities, makes sense—obvious and glorious sense. The portrait of the two pre-adolescent lovers in *Charley is My Darling* can be read at more than one level; and, after all, it ends with their separation in circumstances of catastrophe. Yet although the last pages provide anything but a traditional "happy ending", and offer only the simplest optimism even the hope that it will all come right eventually, I finished it in a state of euphoria so great that I could be in no doubt that this author was connected as only the greatest are, directly into the current that warms and illuminates and drives the world: the cause of yes against no.

Of all the Occam's Razors that can be used to dissect the work of an artist, the one that cuts most finely is: if he portrays despair, do you despair too? Apply that test where you will, the greatest creators pass it: those who emerge from *King Lear* feeling that the world is a meaningless conglomeration of random horror have missed the point of the play; if you suppose that, because everybody is dead at the end of *Tristan and Isolde*, Wagner was a pessimist, you haven't been listening to the music (or Isolde's last words, for that matter); if you imagine that the ass feeding off the withered palm-leaves in Tintoretto's *San Rocco Crucifixion* is making an ironic comment on the events portrayed, you have missed Tintoretto's point, to say nothing of Christianity's. A real optimist is not one who insists that everything in the world is simply splendid; he is one who sees how terrible much of the world is, yet insists also that it is true.

Such a man was Joyce Cary. It is notable that, of the novels of his I have read so far, the only one that, in its ending, makes the faith waver, is *Castle Corner*, and that is the one which was originally intended to be only the first part of a much large whole. I cannot doubt that if he had continued the book would have taken its rightful place in a complete work of art that passed the test as triumphantly as the rest of his work. (*Aissa Saved*, his first novel, ends in—indeed is largely composed of—horror and cruelty on an enormous scale; yet there could have been no doubt, after its publication, that the world had acquired a new artist great not only in his art but in his art's purpose.)

In the famous Fifth Symphony passage in *Howard's End*, Forster reads a detailed "programme" into the music hearing malignant goblins in the third movement, which are scattered, along with *their assertion that the universe* is meaningless, by the leap into the sunlit certainty of C major as Beethoven crosses the bridge to the final *allegro*. *But the goblins come back: their dread* footfall ("Panic and emptiness! Panic and emptiness!") is heard just before the end of the symphony, to remind us *that their assertion, though wrong*, is real. It is in this, not in the facile denial of its reality, that Beethoven's greatness lies ("He had said so bravely, and that is why we can trust Beethoven when he says other things"), and in that respect the mind and heart of Joyce Cary correspond exactly to his. I do not think you have heard the last from me on the subject.

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Dr Richard Busby: from a portrait by James Watson.

The great Busby

"Dr Busby, a great man! He whipped my grandfather; a very great man! I should have gone to him myself if I had not been a blockhead, a very great man!"

Addison, through the medium of Sir Roger de Coverley, was expressing the popular view of the man who had been headmaster of Westminster school for 37 years, from 1638 to 1695. Busby was regarded as the greatest schoolmaster of his time and his reputation lasted well into the nineteenth century. Gladstone described him as the founder of the public school system and the leading schoolmaster before Arnold.

It was Arnold and his disciples whose success thrust Busby's reputation into the background. Gladstone's admiration for Busby was not shared by those Victorians for whom the pre-Arnoldian public schools had existed in a dark age of anarchy and immorality where no headmaster could achieve greatness. The result is that Busby, whose name would have been a household word to the educated Englishmen of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, is now largely forgotten.

The anniversary of his birth on September 22, 1606, provides an occasion for a reassessment of this remarkable headmaster.

Richard Busby became headmaster of Westminster in 1638. He was 32. Modern governing bodies, fearful that a headmaster will stay too long, would have offered Busby a 15-year contract. Fortunately for Westminster, the Dean and Chapter of 1638 took a broader view. Busby ruled until his death in 1695.

He took office at a difficult time. His predecessor Osbaldeston had been tried by the Star Chamber for calling Archbishop Laud a "meddling Hocus-Pocus". The sentence included having one ear nailed to the pillory in Dean's Yard in the presence of his school. Osbaldeston had the sense to deny his pupils this interesting diversion and went into hiding.

Busby was not likely to find himself in the same position. He was one of the most successful riders of the political cross-currents in the seventeenth-century. His loyalty to the Stuarts was unswerving but he was politically shrewd enough not to be cornered.

He led the school in prayers for Charles I on the day that monarch was executed only a few hundred yards away but when he was required to take the National Covenant, he was conveniently indisposed, the single, suggestive word "sickly" being entered opposite his name. He was a Talleyrand rather than a Vicar of Bray. Civil War, Restoration, revolution came and went: Busby remained.

Busby's ability to survive for so long was one reason for his influence. But it is the quality of his rule that is his chief claim to greatness. In the words of the Fleming report: "Busby was the first headmaster to produce a really successful school." When Gladstone called Busby the founder of the public school system he meant that Busby's success persuaded, for the first time, large numbers of influential and aristocratic families to send their sons to school rather than have them educated at home.

Not everyone was convinced. Busby's most illustrious pupil, John Locke, later argued that education at home was preferable because boys in the mass were inevitably corrupt. But it was the master's success rather than the pupil's theory that decided the course of English education. Schools were in. If Westminster was nursery of statesmen, even the most powerful families thought twice about educating their sons elsewhere.

Busby was neither an innovator nor a reformer. There was no intellectual or social tide for him to catch, though he did exploit the puritan zeal for education to his advantage. His educational method contained nothing fancy, just traditional ingredients: enthusiasm, open-mindedness, intellectual rigour and stern discipline.

He was a notable flogger. A French "tourist" venturing into Dean's Yard was seized by Busby and given six of the best for disturbing a class. When the Frenchman sent his valet to challenge Busby to a duel, the unfortunate servant was given 12 strokes and sent packing.

To his pupils and particularly to his "white boys", or favourites, he was not just a formidable disciplinarian but a headmaster who devoted his life and energy to their education. No headmaster can have taught so many boys of rare talent: John Locke, Christopher Wren, John Dryden and Robert Hooke were only the most obvious stars in the galaxy of his famous pupils.

What is more, Busby had the good sense and humility to recognize that boys of genius such as Wren and Hooke ought not to be confined within the normal routine of school. If Hooke wished to spe inventing "thirty se of flying", Busby let mathematician have

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Dr Rae is the pre master of Westmins

Will 11 MPs split the SNP wide open?

A group of Scottish Nationalist MPs are threatening to vote against the Government after the Queen's Speech unless Parliament accelerates the progress of the Scottish assembly. How many would join in the gesture by supporting a Conservative vote of confidence, is not clear, but that it should be suggested at all is a sign of deep disharmony within the SNP. The party has decided positively against any pact with Mr Callaghan but the critical issue of how the 11 MPs will vote remains untidily open, and threatens unity between the Westminster group and the party organization in Edinburgh. An attempt to reach agreement will be made at a meeting between the party executive and the parliamentary group after the Queen's Speech and before the vote.

Broadly, the party leadership believe that a vote against the Government would, to put it most charitably, be acting with the heart rather than the head. Labour had promised an assembly, even though it fell far short of the SNP's specification, and the Government were committed to holding a referendum in which they would campaign, like the SNP, for a "Yes" vote.

It is now expected that a date for the referendum will be announced soon after Parliament reassembles and that the vote will be held during the second half of February, with the elections in May or thereabouts. The referendum would be taken on the new electoral register, so that the 40 per cent hurdle would be more easily overcome. Anyone on the old register who had died or moved house would no longer automatically count as a "No" vote. A springtime poll would offer better prospects of a fine day, and consequently a higher turnout, another essential if the 40 per cent vote needed in favour of the assembly was to be reached.

There are other reasons, too, for supporting the Government. In the SNP view, they would be voting for a known rather than a unknown evil. If the SNP allied themselves with the Tories on a vote of confidence and the Government were defeated, this seemed unlikely to bring the assembly closer. The suspicion was that Scottish devolution would slow to a limp if a Tory government was elected. The Conservative Party, although committed to holding a referendum, would at best be lukewarm towards the assembly proposals. They might not, as a government, campaign directly against the bill, but the hostility of individual ministers could be counted upon and the Tories were likely to insist on a strict interpretation of the 40 per cent rule.

But how many of the 11 Scottish Nationalist MPs would have honestly welcomed a general election, and how audible was their relief when the Prime Minister announced there was not to be one? Particularly in the central belt of Scotland, the Nationalists are dispirited about the party's recent performance. Less than a year ago, the SNP was congratulating itself on being the fastest-growing political organization in Europe and talking blandly of winning up to half the 71 Scottish seats at Westminster in the next general election.

A "mandate for independence" seemed to be almost in their grasp when a sudden inexplicable swing ended the euphoria; it became brutally clear that the bulk of their support was not from voters who sought their fundamental aim of independence, but from people who merely wanted to twist the Government's tail. The decline of the SNP was as surprising to them as the sudden upturn in Labour's fortunes.

When inflation was high and unemployment rising, the SNP provided an excellent stick to wave at Westminster. Party leaders accept that fact with some philosophic grace, arguing that the truly nationalist part of the SNP vote was slowly growing. The party could expect a return of support if inflation climbed into double figures again, and with pay strikes piling up and the United Kingdom economy likely to face rougher conditions there were grounds for believing this. It was also an argument against helping to force a general election, in the firm belief that as conditions grew worse for the economy in the coming months, they would improve for the SNP.

The main failure of the party has been in not winning more support in the industrial west, the political centre of Scotland. The Garscadden by-election was to have been such an emphatic victory that the actual defeat was doubly demoralizing. With Hamilton and the regional election results added to opinion polls which now put SNP support at below 20 per cent, gloom and frustration within the party are understandable.

The group within the SNP who would vote against the Government and, arguably, their own tactical interests, are angry at the creeping progress of the Scottish Assembly Bill. They believe the risks of an early refereudum would be outweighed by the achievement of the assembly. They say Parliament would not dare to ignore a demand by more than 30 per cent of Scots voters for an assembly, and that there is more to be lost by helping to keep a Labour Government in power. The Liberal experience had shown there was little to be gained from cooperating with Mr Callaghan, and the hard liners see the SNP emerging more creditably if it uses an influential position to secure an assembly for Scotland. That aim was even worth sacrificing parliamentary seats for although such bold talk dismayed other party members. One summed up their fears by saying: "Whatever they do, let's hope they all do the same thing".

Ronnie Faux

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Next: the Ulster Unionists.

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LIMA DIARY

Peruvians play their national sport of strike

Even the world's poorer countries have the framework of a sophisticated technology. It is only in the way they operate the technology that their poverty becomes apparent.

Thus, Peruvian television has three channels, plentiful panache and advertisements, but the 10 pm news may start at any time up to 10.45. News items are accompanied, as appropriate, by stirring martial music or Wagner at his most sombre, and a single microphone is passed around the studio with the effect of a severe thunderstorm.

I was subjected to the Peruvian media at length when confined to bed for a month in Lima through illness, the only other diversion being a winter sky which was as unremittingly white on the thirtieth day as it had been on the first.

Medical attention, fortunately, was genuinely sophisticated—if one could afford it.

The standard fare of Peruvian television consists of endless amorous soap operas imported from Argentina, and American "B" films. It is less than edifying.

So is the news, which is censored as well as being belated. But the "news focus" or pep talk, which nightly attacks the country's miners for staging the "subversive and unpatriotic" strike, was enough to suggest that, beyond the calm of sick beds and television screens, Peru was in turmoil.

The impact of the strike was played down, although it was pointed out *ad nauseam* that the action of an irresponsible sector of the workforce was costing the country dear in lost foreign exchange. Serious strikes a few weeks earlier had led the television newsreader—a spokesman for the Government—to describe Peru's schoolteachers as "the enemies of youth", and its bank clerks as "political extremists".

Although neither television nor daily newspapers had given any hint of miners' demonstrations in Lima, it was no surprise to discover, once I was fit enough to explore the news at first hand, that several thousand miners had descended on the capital from the Andes, many bringing their families. They have since been forcibly sent back.

The miners spent a month camping out in the venerable grounds of the University of San Marcos. Peru's Oxbridge. The spectacle was not wholly beyond the realm of normality in a city where car park attendants keep chickens and shop assistants may be seen chewing coca leaves, but is perhaps the dominant image of the country's present turbulence.

The miners, who had vowed not to return to the mines until they had secured the reinstatement of colleagues dismissed on political grounds, organized daily marches in Lima.

Driving through the city centre had already become a hazardous proposition. In recent months one has been likely to confront the massed forces of striking or protesting schoolteachers, bank employees, health workers, civil servants (indeterminate thousands of whom will be the victims of government austerity measures) or latterly the miners themselves.

The Peruvian media's official line is dictated daily by the military Government's Central Office of Information in a confidential memorandum to editors, and extends even to sport. The media were told during Peru's recent World Cup campaign "to stimulate national unity through supporting our team, emphasizing the disciplined life-style of each of the players and their personal qualities so that these may serve as an example".

It is one of the many paradoxes, or inconsistencies, of Peru's dictatorship that while censorship is rife the works of Marx or Mao are freely available, and independent magazines are allowed to give their version of the bald truth, although they may periodically be closed for their pains. Similarly, the military regime, which in its early, radical days implanted cooperative and egalitarian ideals which gave the workers a voice, now insists that groups such as the miners do not raise it.

The streets of Lima carry on their own dialectic. The city's main shopping street, La Union, traditionally a pedestrian thoroughfare, was recently opened to traffic in an effort to clear it of street vendors.

Shopkeepers had complained that the vendors, who sell anything from puppies to plastic jewelry, and a wide range of cut-price clothing in between, were jeopardizing their business. The vendors are subject to stern lectures from the police, but have no alternative employment, and always seem to come back.

For all Peru's financial troubles, Lima still has suburbs, set back discreetly against the misty foothills of the Andes, which are as sumptuous as the city's shanty towns are desperate. The latter are built of mud bricks or woven straw, and the red and white national flag flies from many rooftops in what appears a gesture of misplaced nationalism.

In most cases they are a vestige from Independence Day, when Peruvian householders—and even hutholders—who do not put out a flag a be fined.

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Looking at the statue of Francisco conqueror of Peru, a charger and brandi sword, one wondered had changed..

Peter

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ON THE SIDE OF LIBERTY

The Spectator, having quite recently been a very bad magazine, is at present a very good one. For that Mr Alexander Chancellor, its still new Editor, and Mr Henry Keswick, its still new Proprietor, deserve much praise. That obviously *ought to* be said in celebration of the magazine's 150th anniversary, but there is more to be said than that. The *Spectator* now plays an important part in the most interesting intellectual movement of our times. Just as the *New Statesman was the leading* intellectual magazine of the movement to collectivism in the *1930s and 1940s*, so now the *Spectator* is the leading intellectual magazine of the movement away from collectivism in the 1970s.

Only a decade ago a majority of the best political writers in Britain were still socialist, or at least were broadly in sympathy with the collectivist, statist, egalitarian philosophy of the Labour Party. There were indeed good writers who supported the individualist line, and others were in sympathy with the heavily qualified individualism of the Conservative Party of that time. But the balance of writers was certainly on the left. Now the opposite is the truth. It is easy for an editor to find good, lively, interesting anti-socialist writers, and much harder to find socialist writers of any mental vitality at all.

The comparison between the present day *Spectator* and *New Statesman* is instructive. In an average issue of the *Spectator* there will be four or five intellectually stimulating articles, written with energy as well as originality; their politics *tone is not in a party sense* Conservative, but it is anti-collectivist, hostile to the socialist corporate state. In the *New Statesman* there is little of this feeling of imaginative quality; there is sometimes interesting information, as there *sometimes interesting informa-*tion in Government White Papers, but so far as intellectual quality is concerned, the gas has gone out of the bag.

Most of the writers who make up this movement started as supporters of the Labour Party, and have now left it. Not all, because some were never Labour supporters, and some still are, though their ideas are opposed to most of those of traditional Fabian Socialism. This is not itself a *conservative movement*; it is indeed a movement of radicals, of people whose instinct is to challenge rather than to acquiesce. Its characteristic figures are men like Mr Paul Johnson, Mr Bernard Levin or Mr Woodrow Wyatt, all of whom *enjoy a good fight. It is also* basically libertarian rather than hierarchical; it springs from the English political tradition of Locke and Liberty rather than that of Burke and Community. It has more sympathy for Mrs Thatcher and her libertarian views than *it does for the Con*servative Party, an inversion of the normal cosy order of preference of the natural conservatives of a quiet life.

It is notable too that this is a group led by writers; its writers are more striking than its academic intellectuals or *its politi*cians. Professor Hugh Thomas is a writing Professor; Paul Johnson *is more important a loss to* socialism as a writer than Mr Reg Prentice, as a politician, *though Mr* Prentice has shown an important quality of political integrity. Academics represent the analytical power of the mind, politicians create events through acts of will, but writers bring together thought and feeling, and it is feeling which socialism has most deeply offended. The British socialist state, the historic compromise of Sir Harold *Wilson, is doomed to disappear* because it is felt by too many people to be a hateful way to run their affairs, not merely because they have become convinced it is intellectually mistaken. There is something repulsive about it, an insult to the free person.

Good writers act as early warning indicators of the national mood: the left wing writers of the 1930's presaged the national mood of the 1940's. Obviously writers influence national opinion, but they are also sensitive to its earliest impressions. When in a political debate most of the best writers have crossed the floor, the outlook for the party they leave is a poor one. though it will always retain a few writers as its old allies. It is now the *writers of the left establishment* that have the appearance of being retreads, bouncing along with synthetic rubber stretched over the tired canvas.

This movement of opinion has also been reflected among economic writers. Mr Peter Jay, before he left for Washington, and Mr Samuel Brittan of *The Financial Times*, did much to introduce and popularize free market and monetarist economic ideas which had been revived and developed in the United States. The Institute of Economic Affairs has risen from being regarded as a marginal source of free economic propaganda to being a powerful centre of new ideas. Again it is the old orthodoxy which is in decay: who can read Professor Galbraith without *being astonished that we too* once thought as he does now?

Of course this movement of opinion is not confined to Britain, but is more or less world wide. Proposition 13, and the new seriousness of the Republican challenge in the United States, where the libertarian cause is now attracting good young men and not only rich old ones, are comparable *developments in the United States. In* Britain however we have gone farther into collectivism and are *reacting against what we have* seen and experienced. The society that was shaped in those Wilson-years, and has been continued under the present Prime Minister, is unproductive and claustrophobic. It has set in train the strongest liberal reaction, asserting the rights of the individual against the state, that Britain has experienced since the early nineteenth century. The new writers are in alliance with the new economists as the advocates of the British right to liberty.

THE FLIGHT TO NIGERIA

r the Prime Minister and reign Minister to have to fly *short notice to Nigeria to give* esident Kaunda an explana*n of British ministerial decep*ns over sanctions, as brought light by a British judicial in*iry, is some measure of the* sis of good faith and national putation which has been nerated by the whole lamentle tale of double-shuffle. They uld not be going unless it was the greatest importance to itish interests to give Presint Kaunda prompt and pubhable satisfaction. It will be rprising if the requirements of e President can be met merely some financial transaction at e expense of the British taxyer, even if that should form sizable component of it. For w African politics is becoming volved beyond the President's lations with Mr Callaghan. ano signifies more than a conient rendezvous. All Africa watching and assessing.

Since UDI, African accusations at Britain was all along on nith's side have been endemic, d since Bingham it is harder to unter them, though they are istaken and must be denied. he impossibility of oil sancons, instead of being admitted, *as covered up; but the failure* f sanctions would have been uch the same if it had not been vered up, and British oil someow kept out of South Africa d consequently Rhodesia also.

The deception of President Kaunda and his colleagues is part of the deception of Parliament and the British public, but *the further inquiries now inevit*able in Britain are irrelevant to Africans, who will ask not for more explanations but for amends.

For many years President Kaunda has argued that the inability or unwillingness of the colonial power to bring the Smith regime down has involved Zambia (but not only Zambia) in enormous injury. In April he started proceedings locally against the major oil companies (who reject his jurisdiction) for damages of about $6.000m *as the cost of prolonging* Smith's resistance, a sum that perhaps may be taken as his estimate of what twelve years of UDI have cost Zambia (British aid in that period was £85m). The bill may be protested, but the British Government can only thank themselves if it is put to them.

But damages, and some formula of regret, are not likely to be the whole substance of Dr Kaunda's demands, desperate as is the situation of his country. He has a volatile public opinion to contain and a competitive position in inter-African leadership to justify. Though the statement *from No 10 seems to* exclude the Rhodesian issue, amends to any African leader will mean pressure for a new and real British commitment to bring Smith down. Promises to reheat over the Anglo-American plan, to *tighten sanctions, any sort of* mixture as before, will hardly satisfy African feelings after the Bingham report, which Africans will feel conclusively puts Britain in the wrong and vulnerable to counteraction.

Yet Mr Callaghan's options *are narrow. If Mr Smith sur*rendered to the Crown he might be better placed, but the incentive to Mr Smith to return the country to British rule is diminished if these events have increased the pressure on the British Government to hand Rhodesia over to the Patriotic Front. But to compel Mr Smith to surrender requires the use of *force—it is force which has made* his present position desperate. Just as in 1965 force was ruled out on the ground that British opinion would not countenance it, a minority government on the verge of an election would have to rule it out (however little extra force were needed to complete the guerrillas' work) at the present. In fact it is no more in Africa's interest than in Britain's to let matters go to extremes; but it will need good diplomacy to produce arrangements at Kano that will defuse a potentially *serious situation. If these prove onerous or distasteful to the* British public, they too at least know where to pin responsibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expulsion for Ulster

From Mr Philip Goodhart, MP for Bromley, Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, You are right to point out in your leading article "So they propose *expulsion for Ulster?*" (September 20) that the inevitable effect of Mr John Pardoe's call for the *withdrawal of British troops from* Northern Ireland must be the expulsion of that province from this *Kingdom.*

You also remind us that Northern Ireland has been fully part of the *United Kingdom for 178 years and* contains a consistent majority in favour of maintaining that link.

*The effective expulsion of North*ern Ireland would be historically unprecedented as well as unprincipled. *I do not know of any country* in any part of the world which has ever expelled a province in peace*time when it was plain that a majority* of the inhabitants wished their province to continue to be part of *the mother country.*

Meanwhile, Mr Pardoe's words should remind us that encouragement of *murderers* can take many forms, some of them perfectly legal.

After the successes of the security forces and the recent reduction in the level of violence, Mr Pardoe's outburst can only encourage the surviving terrorists to attack our soldiers and our policemen in Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons.

From Mr Edward Goodman

Sir, You ask: "By what principle is expulsion of a province from the kingdom justified?" One principle by which it is justified is the democratic principle of the rule of the majority.

If the majority of the citizens of the kingdom want a province to be expelled, then the will of the majority should prevail and the *province be expelled. Under this* principle the Act of Union of Britain and Ireland 1800 can and *should be repealed. It has already* been partly repealed by the Government of Ireland Act 1920, which set up the Irish Free State (now the Republic of Ireland).

Yours,
EDWARD A. C. GOODMAN,
Manor Park Road,
Sutton, Surrey.

The Battle of Britain

From Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst

Sir, In October, 1940, when the defeated German Air Force discontinued their daylight attacks on Southern England, I, as an Air Commodore on Sir Hugh Dowding's staff at Fighter Command HQ, received letters from two naval friends, Tom Trowbridge and Bertie Packer, both then Captains of cruisers at sea, to the north of Scot*land. (Later both became Sea Lords* at the Admiralty.) These letters congratulated Fighter Command on the "astounding victory" gained in the battle just over.

We at the HQ perhaps did not *realize then the magnitude of the* victory and what it meant to the country, without allies, in the long *months ahead; but these letters* showed full well that the Navy realized what the victory meant.

Later in the war I was at the local HQ controlling the El Alamein, Tunis, Sicily and Normandy battles and never on these occasions did I personally feel that extreme tension that was with us all on Dowding's staff at Stanmore during those weeks in August and September.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS ELMHIRST,
The Cottage,
Dummer,
Basingstoke.

From Group Captain H. F. O'Neill

Sir, "Red Section—Scramble! Vector 150—Angels 17." Vroom . . . vroom . . . vroom. "Tally ho. Bandit —3 o'clock, above." "What is it, Red Three?" "Looks like a kite." "Ah, that'll be the one being flown by Wing Commander Dizzy Allen. Close up again, Red Three. The Home Guard can take that."

Yours faithfully,
H. F. O'NEILL,
Grove Cottage,
Langford,
Lechlade,
Gloucestershire.

Conservatives and race

From Lord Avebury

Sir, Major N. Saroop (letter, September 20) does not like the statement by Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, that racialism has pervaded the thinking of the Conservative Party. He attempts to refute the allegations by giving statistics of the Conservative *candidates and councillors who belong* to ethnic minorities. This indicates that fortunately not all local Con*servative parties take a racist line,* but I should have thought it was equally obvious that many Tories *from the top down come* dangerously close to the National Front line in some of their pro*nouncements. Just to take four* examples from debates in the House of Commons at the time of the 1976 *Race Relations Act:*

". . . huge immigration invasion . . . this takeover of our country, this island by alien people . . . rape of the English race . . ."—Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen & Stourbridge

". . . latent disaster of wholesale and virtually unrestricted immigration . . . the problem of immigrants who are already here is horrendous . . ."—Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield

". . . we are the mugs who one day were living in Lancashire and woke up next day in New Delhi, Calcutta or Kingston, Jamaica . . ." —Mr Winston Churchill, MP for Stretford

". . . . the young immigrants who *have just come here will have to* return to their homeland and their families . . ."—Mr John Stokes, *MP.*

Yours faithfully,
AVEBURY,
Liberal Spokesman on Immigration and Race Relations,
House of Lords.

Are the British religious?

From Mr David Hay

Sir, If, as is often claimed, personal experience is the core of religion, then there is evidence to suggest that the British are by no means as irreligious as might be thought from church attendance statistics (Archdeacon Pawley, Letters, September 12). Some work which we have conducted with the assistance of National Opinion Polls Ltd. and the Religious Experience Research Unit in Oxford indicates that a minimum of a third of all adults in this country would claim to have had experiences of a type normally interpreted as religious. This figure is very similar to one obtained recently by the National Opinion Research Center, Chicago, for a national sample of American adults, even though church going is more than three times as common in the United States as in Britain.

What we may have uncovered here is a kind of hidden, "natural religion" which coincides only partly with institutional Christianity. In a society containing many competing belief systems, a person's religious experience tends to remain a private thing, articulated only hesitantly. Indeed, our latest study, which involves detailed personal interviews with a random sample of adults in the Nottingham area suggests that the national survey almost certainly underestimates the true *number of those claiming such ex*perience. The silence about these *matters also seems to relate to two other factors. First, because of a* lack of any serious treatment of religion during their schooldays, many people are almost destitute of the concepts necessary to give expression to their experience. Secondly, when people *are* aware of religious concepts, at least as normally presented, their abstractness seems implausibly remote from personal experience.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID HAY, Director,
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University Park,
Nottingham.

From The Reverend M. D. A. Hepworth

Sir, The letter from the Archdeacon of Canterbury (September 18) makes disturbing reading. My contact with young people leads me to believe that most of them are profoundly religious in the sense that they are aware of a presence or a power (whether they call it God or not) which is different from their everyday selves. They are transparently honest and sincere in their search for spiritual meaning and significance.

The tragedy is that few of them are prepared to identify with the established churches or even to be associated with the word "religious" because the framework of belief and practice in so many churches rings no bells which correspond to their own experience. It could be that, before we excommunicate British society by declaring it (as does your correspondent) devoid of any beliefs except "vestigial paganism", our church leaders *should consider* whether it is right that they should be the ones to cast the first stone. *Maybe, as Mr Pawley suggests,* we do need another Wesley; but should we not first ponder the significance *of the fact that his work was* hindered rather than helped by the established church of his day?

Yours faithfully,
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Bedford.

From the Reverend J. H. Smith

Sir, As one who used not to have any religious life at all, may I comment on the Archdeacon of Canterbury's letter (September 16)? The "nominal C of E" do mostly feel that the parish church really is their church, however frustrating this might be for those who would go evangelizing. They see the parish as being rather like a fried egg, with the people of the yolk gathered together for worship surrounded by the far more numerous people of the white. The people of the white *do not claim to be the people of* the yolk, but they do claim to be a part of the same egg.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. SMITH, Vicar,
St James' Vicarage,
Roscow Avenue,
Breightmet,
Bolton,
Lancashire.
September 17.

Conditions in Iran

From Mr David Jones

Sir, Despite certain minor inaccuracies (Iranian women have not worn *the veil since the reforms of Reza* Shah during the 1920s), your excellent leader of September 5 will *serve to dispel some of the illusions* fostered by Lord Chalfont's bland generalizations made from time to *time concerning the situation in* Iran. The present crisis will come as no surprise to those who, like *myself, have spent some time in* that unhappy country in day-to-day employment.

You point out quite correctly that it is insufficient to lay the responsibility for the present troubles on *an unnatural alliance of Marxists* and Islamic extremists. These are, no doubt, primed to take advantage *of the deepening crisis; they can*not be considered its sole architects. In fact, resentment and frustration *permeate every level of Iranian* society.

Iran has committed itself to compressing the economic development of decades—if not of centuries—into a few years. Iranians have watched, for the most part as unwilling spectators, as their traditional values have been destroyed and replaced by a thoughtless and shoddy imitation of Western civilization. To add insult to injury, they have been subjected to a ceaseless barrage of promises which the present regime is clearly incapable of fulfilling, and to propaganda of the crudest kind. The young Iranian is taught that he is the heir of an ancient and famous civilization, and that he is participating in its rebirth. But he also sees every day that the developing infrastructure of the country is quite incapable of meeting the demands placed upon it: basic foods have to be imported (thanks to the regime's agricultural policies), there is often no electricity for hours at the height of the summer, the streets of Teheran itself are chaotic and polluted.

*Westerners occupy quasi-mana*gerial positions, Indians, Pakistanis and others take jobs in their factories. *Land speculation has been* rife, forcing rent to astronomical levels and enriching speculators. *The only efficient organization* in the country is the secret police, and it would be quite wrong to assume *that they confine their attentions* to political activities. Clearly then, Iran's problems are fundamental in the proper sense of the word, and in view of the West's association with the present regime it will be necessary to proceed with some caution.

There are wider ramifications. The nature of the crisis in Iran demonstrates vividly the truth of A. Solzhenitsyn's analysis of the *developing world situations (The* Times, July 26), viz, that the emerging nations do not constitute a homogenous whole. The expression "Third World" lumps together an enormous number of quite different countries according to one criterion alone, ie, a certain level of economic development. It ignores completely the real issue, which is the impact of that economic development on indigenous, often ancient and sophisticated cultures. Can an expression which embraces such diverse conditions as those of Latin America, the Muslim world, Africa and the Far East illuminate much? The foreign policies of the United Kingdom and the Community would do well to face this fact.

Yours sincerely,
D. T. JONES,
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Exeter,
Devon.

Paying for imports

From Mr S. H. Hubbard

Sir, I must take issue with your correspondent Mr Colin A. Maywell (September 8) when he says *that "nobody can seriously believe* that trade union leaders and the majority of the rank and file do *not understand that you cannot* consume what you don't produce".

The reverse is surely the truth; *trade union leaders, and certainly* a minority of the rank and file, do understand only too well that you can indeed consume what you don't produce—by the simple expedient of importing the difference from abroad, financed overall by an £8½ billion annual increase in the national debt, which, in practice, will never be repaid.

Short term, the effective current open-ended invitation to annual wage increases unaccompanied by a corresponding increase in productivity, which creates an unsatisfied demand for consumer goods met by imports, simultaneously creates *more jobs abroad and more unem*ployment at home.

Long term, with interest rates at *10 to 12 per cent on annually* increasing debt, this generation faces a correspondingly ever-increasing burden by way of interest payments, and one which future generations may well find intolerable, and the latter are hardly likely to thank us for leaving them to foot the bill for the unearned part of our present standard of living.

Yours faithfully,
S. H. HUBBARD,
56A Riverdale Road,
Sheffield.

A bird for each land?

From Dr W. R. P. Bourne

Sir, Jeffery Boswall really ought to do his homework before writing to *The Times (September 18)* stating that the Scottish Crossbill has been elevated to a species by a Dutch*man. It was described as a race by* a German, Ernst Hartert, first promoted to species by a Dane, Finn Salomonsen, and the case has been documented by an Irishman, Alan Knox, of Aberdeen University, his most important argument being that it is difficult to tell to which of several other similar crossbills it is most closely related. It seems a little doubtful whether the Scottish Crossbill would make a good national bird because it is actually rather difficult to distinguish from the Common Crossbill which is found all round the world and occurs in the same places, and indeed doubtless the next taxonomist to come along will demote it to a race again. This has already happened to a much better known bird which was one considered our only native species, the Red Grouse.

It is a little puzzling why Mr Boswall should propose for our native birds species which are not only *rare and local with us, but better* known abroad. If we require a particularly well known, characteristic *and distinctive Scottish bird it is* surely still the Red Grouse (whatever taxonomists may say), while the *best marked native races after the* Red Grouse are the Pied and Yellow Wagtails, the last of which is particularly characteristic of England. Alternatively a good deal of the rest of the world also refers to one of our most widespread exports as the "English" Sparrow. What could be more characteristic that a grouse as the symbol of Scotland and a cock sparrow for the English? It is a little doubtful whether the Welsh have ever had much time for birds, unless you include dragons; do they really wish to identify themselves with Kites, or might Dippers be more appropriate?

Yours faithfully,
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September 18.

Founding the NEB

From Mr Tony Banks and Mr Stuart Holland

Sir, Sir Harold Wilson is already an "instant" historian whose judg*ment seems to vary considerably* with the instant at hand. His reply to Anthony Howard, seeking to *"sanitize" the record on his rôle* in the rise of the National Enterprise Board (*The Times*, September 2) *is a good case in point.*

As members of the NEC Sub-Committee which made the original NEB proposals, we would like to set the record straight.

Sir Harold writes throughout his letter of "nationalization of 25 of the largest companies". In itself this shows how he, like others in the Parliamentary Labour Party, neglected the actual recommendations of the relevant Opposition Green Paper and chose to react in terms of the bowdlerized version in most of the press.

The Green Paper in fact argued that, dependent on their size, the National Enterprise Board would need to gain a controlling shareholding, built up over a full parliamentary term, in from 20 to 25 of the top 100 companies. The difference between this and an outright nationalization, in one sweep, is not *only semantic but political.*

Sir Harold implies that he acted as saviour of the Party's constitu*tion—at least with respect to Clause* V rather than Clause IV. In fact his ill considered attempt at a *"veto" of the NEC proposals* within hours of their publication led to a reprimand from the Chairman of the Labour Party—Bill Simpson—who, in a speech to the Yorkshire miners, found it necessary to remind the then Mr Wilson of precisely the constitutional points on which he now claims prescience.

In the event, by depriving the NEB of the powers to gain holdings in a range of viable enterprise, and by making Planning Agreements merely voluntary, Sir Harold and his supporters undermined a credible economic strategy for the British economy in the 1970s. Import penetration has increased in some threequarters of the industries "commanded" by the sector working parties which were established, in practice, as an alternative to Planning Agreements. Meanwhile, manufacturing investment today—as a result of talk rather than action—is scarcely higher than in 1970, while unemployment has risen by around a million since Sir Harold's *last adoption of the national* stewardship.

Some people today argue that other governments abroad have done no better. We argue that Sir Harold, by his contempt for the seriousness of Labour's own proposals, gave us no better chance. Professional historians will judge the *facts clearly enough in due course.* Sir Harold's industrial policy, in the seventies, lacked all but the epitaph *of Louis XV. Compromise rather* than courage at the time, and after him the storm.

Yours faithfully,
TONY BANKS,
Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (Labour), Watford,
STUART HOLLAND,
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September 20.

Examination results

From Mr R. J. Rees

Sir, Most members of The Independent Schools Association would agree with Mr St John-Stevas, and now with Dr Rhodes Boyson (*reported* by you on September 18), that examination results should be made public. But the problems of doing so, and thus giving some indication of a school's "efficiency", are less simple than might be imagined.

Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, has already pointed out how misleading it would be to compare results in a deprived inner city area with those in a middle-class suburban area. And in the independent sector it would be equally invidious to compare results *in a school which specialises in* getting the best out of intellectually "ordinary" children with those of *(say) Winchester or Westminster* where the intake is much more selective.

Getting five O level passes (I use the word in its former sense) for a boy or girl with an IQ of 110 demands at least as much skilled and devoted teaching as getting a university open scholarship for one with an IQ of 140. I know that IQ's are now, quite rightly, regarded as less than perfectly reliable; but they do give some indication of academic potential.

Until something better can be produced it should be possible to devise a way of expressing examination results in conjunction with IQs. Thus if a school claimed an average *of 5 (old) O level passes for 100* candidates with an average IQ of 110 it would be seen as a more *impressive achievement than (say)* an average of 7 passes for 100 with an average IQ of 130. This may be thought statistically naive, but it is not so naive as publishing crude "results" without any indication of *the candidates' potential.*

Yours faithfully,
R. J. REES,
Secretary, Independent Schools Association,
45 Regent Street,
Cambridge.
September 19.

Pope John Paul's arms

From the Reverend Francis Fenn SJ

Sir, Mr O'Neill (Letters, Sept 16) was incorrectly "taught that the keys (given to Peter) were to open the gates of heaven and hell", a prerogative belonging to Christ (Revelations 1. 18). Peter was to have authority over the real though imperfect kingdom of God which is the Church on earth—"kingdom of heaven" in Matthew 16, 19 is a Jewish circumlocution. A similar example of the symbolic giving of keys is to be found in Isaiah 22, 22.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS FENN, SJ,
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65 Belgrave Road, SW1.

Rules of war in Rhodesia

From Professor Colonel G. I. A. D. Draper

Sir, Your issue of today (September 20) reports from Lusaka that the *International Committee* of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva, has "asked Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader of the patriotic Front, to observe the Geneva War Conventions . . . (The ICRC officials) said that Mr Nkomo, as leader of a nationalist movement, could make a declaration of commitment under new protocols added to the 1949 (Geneva) Conventions."

This proposal, as reported, is seriously misleading, however *praiseworthy the intention* behind it may be. No such declaration can be made under the new Protocols of *1977 additional to the Geneva Con*ventions of 1949. The Geneva Conventions and the additional Proto*cols do not apply in Rhodesia* at all. The reasons are simple.

First, Rhodesia is not a party to any of those instruments of law, neither can it become such. It is not a State, does not claim to be one, and is not recognized by any state in the world as a State. Only states can be high contracting parties to the Geneva Conventions and to the additional Protocols.

Second, those Protocols are not yet in force for any State, as no State has as yet ratified or acceded to them.

Third, only those States which are parties to the Geneva Conventions *can be parties to the Protocols* thereto. Thus, Rhodesia is excluded from those instruments.

Fourth, *even if Mr Nkomo's* Patriotic Front were properly considered as "engaged in armed conflict in which people are *fighting* against colonial domination or a racist régime" for the purpose of Protocol I, Art. 1 (4), *which is open to serious doubt from the nature,* manner and scale of the fighting, it is clearly not so engaged against a *high contracting party* to the Protocol for the purposes of making a declaration under Art. 36 (3) thereof.

Thereunder, if all the conditions are met, upon lodgment of such a declaration with the depositary (Switzerland), a national liberation movement can become a party to the armed conflict against the high contracting party (State) concerned and thereby assume at once the same obligations and rights as are assumed by a State party to the Geneva Conventions and the Protocol, 1. Thus, any purported declaration made by the Patriotic Front under Protocol 1 would be a nullity and of no legal effect, under that instrument, even assuming that such a body could in fact carry out the extensive obligations cast upon States under the Conventions and the Protocol which are geared to the capacities of States, and had the will to do so.

That being said, there might be some value in the ICRC, with the support of the "front line" States and of the OAU, seeking to persuade Mr Nkomo to make, simultaneously, with the Salisbury régime, a declaration operating by consensual force, to accept and apply some basic humanitarian obligations, eg, some of those set out in Article 3, *common to the four Geneva Conven*tions of 1949, relating to internal armed conflicts. For a start, one *could propose* the obligations to give humane treatment to the defenceless, irrespective of colour or *race, and the prohibition of murder,* mutilation, torture and cruel treatment directed against those not par*ticipating in the struggle, those hors de combat*, the wounded and the detained.

Although the difficulties might be great, and past conduct does nothing to augur success, the effort might be worthwhile in humanitarian terms. This would seem preferable to taking any step that would weaken the credibility of the already fragile and complicated Geneva Conventions and additional Protocols. These instruments will not be strengthened by invoking them in situations in which their own terms expressly preclude their application.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,
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16 Southover High Street,
Lewes,
Sussex.
September 20.

Beating the burglars

From Mrs Mary Fretwell

Sir, Arriving home one sunny afternoon last week I was greeted by the ominous sight of smashed in door, ransacked rooms and the awful reality that many of our much loved and hard earned belongings had gone—we had joined the swelling, nay bursting ranks of burgled homes.

Obviously the house had to be made more secure so specialist advice was called—not cheap, so *insulation plans have been shelved.*

Could not the Government see fit to allow grants towards making homes more secure, not only would this help and encourage the anxious victim, or potential victim, but possibly ease the load of an already overstrained and despairing police force. An added bonus would be the frustration caused to those criminal parasites who commit such crimes.

Yours sincerely,
MARY FRETWELL,
20 Seymour Road, SW18.
September 20.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 21. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, this afternoon visited the Marjorie McClure School Group at Chiselhurst, Kent.

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and Mrs Malcolm Innes, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner held at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund's Children's Charities.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, Mrs Malcolm Innes and Major Nicholas Lawson were in attendance.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent will attend a concert to be given by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Festival Hall on Monday, October 2, in honour of the late Aram Khachaturian.

The spiritual and temporal leader of the Dawoodi Bohra Community, his Holiness Dr Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, arrives today in Great Britain by Air India from Bombay en route to the United States. During his short stay in the country his Holiness will meet important and leading personalities besides his followers.

Birthdays today

Sir Joseph Balmer, 79; Sir George Cartland, 65; Professor S. E. Finer, 63; Sir James Henry, 67; Mr Arthur Lowe, 63; Sir Charles Mander, 57; Dr Dorothy Needham, 82; Captain Mark Phillips, 30; Sir Edward Pochin, 69.

Tuvalu appointment

Viscount Dunrossil, British High Commissioner to Suva and British High Commissioner (non-resident) to Nauru, is to be additionally British High Commissioner (non-resident) to Tuvalu, on its emergence as an independent state within the Commonwealth on October 1. He will continue to reside at Suva.

Reception

Canning House

Lord Chalfont, president of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, and Lady Chalfont gave a reception at Canning House last night in honour of Señora Margarita López Portillo, Director General of Radio, Television and Cinematography for the Mexican Ministry of the Interior. The guests included:

The Mexican Ambassador and Señora Tello, Lord Colc, Sir Leslie Bowes, Sir Peter and Lady Hope, Sir John and Lady Galsworthy, Sir David and Lady Hildyard and members of the council, the Mexican Embassy, the British Mexican Society and the British Mexican Businessmen's Committee and their ladies.

Dinner

World Jewish Relief

Mr Kenneth D. Rubens, chairman, and Mrs Rubens were hosts at the annual dinner of World Jewish Relief (CBF) held at Plaisterers' Hall yesterday. The guests of honour were Judge King-Hamilton, QC, and Mrs King-Hamilton, and Rabbi Dr Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Romania, and Mrs Rosen. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Nathan, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Mr Justice and Lady Mocatta, R. Oscar Joseph, Chief Rabbi and Mrs Jakobovits, Mr and Mrs C. A. Prendergast, Mr and Mrs R. N. Carvalho, Mr and Mrs Jean Heidler, Mr Leslie Prince and the Consul General for Israel and Mrs Yarden.

Service dinners

HMS Erebus 1928 Entry

Members of the Collingwood and Barham Terms who poined HMS Erebus on September 21, 1928, at Plymouth held a fiftieth anniversary reunion dinner yesterday in HMS Thunderer, Royal Naval Engineering College, Plymouth. Rear-Admiral I. G. Aylen presided and the guest was Captain C. A. G. Nichols. Members present were:

Captains D. Armstrong, H. N. Glogstoun-Willmott, F. V. Harrison, J. E. Jewitt, R. B. R. Moore, T. G. B. Pearce, D. Sanderson, R. White and T. S. Yates; Commanders M. W. B. Craig Waller, J. E. H. H. Machon, F. J. H. Rathborne and the Rev W. R. Tunnicliffe; Lieutenant-Commanders J. T. B. Birch, J. W. Christian-Smith, H. R. A. Kidson and Sir Marshall Warmington; the Very Rev R. S. Wingfield Digby and Dr M. P. Martin.

Corps of Royal Engineers

The Corps of Royal Engineers held a guest night at the RE HQ Mess, Brompton, yesterday. The Engineer-in-Chief, Major-General C. P. Campbell, presided.

Royal Corps of Transport

Officers of the Royal Corps of Transport held a dinner at the RCT HQ Mess, Aldershot, yesterday. The Director-General of Transport and Movements, Major-General F. J. Plaskett, presided. The principal guests were:

Lieutenant-General R. M. Carnegie, Air Marshal Sir John Nicholls, Major-General J. D. F. Mostyn, Major-General J. Swinton, Commodore H. R. Keate, Brigadier G. Baxter, Captain J. R. Grindle, RN, Mr D. Jefford and Mr W. A. McPhail.

A study by Norman Parkinson of Princess Margaret, who leaves London on Sunday to represent the Queen at the independence ceremonies of Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, in the Pacific, and Dominica, in the Caribbean.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Fleming and Miss D. Wake

The engagement is announced between Roderick, son of the late Mr R. E. Fleming and of the Hon Mrs D. C. Fleming, of Leygore Manor, Northleach, Gloucestershire, and Diana, daughter of Sir Hereward and Lady Wake, of Courteen Hall, Northamptonshire.

Mr S. J. Gilbert and Miss A. M. Pringle

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Gilbert, of Pine Walk, Cobham, Surrey, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B. Pringle, of Narrow Waters, Oxshott, Surrey.

Mr R. C. Hildebrand and Miss A. S. Marks

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Norman and Helen Hildebrand, of 29 Dobtree Avenue, London, NW10, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Dennis and Penny Marks, temporarily residing at 34 Berkeley Court, Baker Street, London, NW1.

Mr M. R. Newman and Miss A. M. Cox

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs F. H. Newman, of The Street, West Horsley, Surrey, and Thea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Cox, of Chalk Lane, Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr N. A. N. S. Robertson and Miss G. Holland

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Antony Robertson, of 2 Tite Street, SW3, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Holland, of Sheepbridge Barn, Eastleach, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr R. de Courcy Ireland and Miss A. G. Fontaine

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr P. M. de Courcy Ireland, and of Mrs L. de Courcy Ireland, of Melbourne, Australia, and Anne, daughter of the late Mr A. J. Fontaine and of Mrs J. Y. Fontaine, of Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

Mr A. D. Graham and Miss S. L. English

The engagement is announced between Donald, elder son of Dr and Mrs A. J. Graham, of Tenby Lodge, Sion Hill, Bath, and Susan, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian English, of 3 Cavaye House, Cavaye Place, London, SW10.

Mr M. C. Lightwood and Miss L. N. R. Kamill

The engagement is announced of Max Lightwood, of 38 Linden Gardens, W2, son of Dr R. C. and Mrs M. B. Lightwood, and Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs Mostapha Kamill, of Kensington.

Mr B. M. O'Brien and Dr F. C. Garfield

The engagement is announced between Brendan O'Brien, of Purley, Surrey, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. E. Garfield, of Woodcote Green, Worcestershire.

Mr R. M. White and Miss D. A. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Richard Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey White, of Farfield Avenue, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, and Deborah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Lewis, of Stahlenhauser Strasse, Hochdahl, near Düsseldorf, Germany.

Mr M. S. E. Devenish and Miss B. J. M. Hick

The engagement is announced between Michael Sean English, son of Mr and Mrs P. A. E. Devenish, of West Farleigh, Kent, and Belinda Jane Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Hick, of Chichester, West Sussex.

M P. J. A. C. Grauwin and Miss H. R. R. Haines

The engagement is announced between Philippe Jean André Charles Grauwin, of Lagos, Nigeria, eldest son of M and Mme Michel Grauwin, of avenue de l'hippodrome, Lille, France, and Helen Rosamund Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. R. Haines, of 43 Alleyn Road, Dulwich, London, and of Lagos, Nigeria.

Mr D. C. Moore and Miss S. L. Blight

The engagement is announced between Denis Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Moore, of Hongkong, and Susan Lendra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. F. Blight, of Callington, Cornwall.

Dr D. J. Paynton and Miss L. C. Balfour

The engagement is announced between David John, son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Paynton, of Hampstead, London, and Lorna Christian, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Balfour, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Marriage

Mr P. R. Newman and Miss J. E. P. Speares

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 16, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, of Mr Paul Newman, son of Mr and Mrs E. E. D. Newman, of Sion Cottage, Twickenham, and Miss Jane Speares, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Speares, of Walton-on-Naze, Essex. The Right Rev Oliver Allison officiated.

Anglican finances improving

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

Modest but encouraging progress towards a healthy financial base for the Church of England is reported today by the church's new joint authority for overseeing financial affairs.

The joint liaison committee of the central board of finance and the Church Commissioners state in their first annual report that although income has not been keeping up with inflation the rate at which individual church members are giving to the church is improving.

Sir Ronald Harris, who is chairman of the board and First Church Estates Commissioner, said: "We have made very substantial progress on stipends, and there has been a very significant improvement in the past year or two".

The effort launched two years ago to persuade members to carry a larger share of the burden of supporting the church was beginning to tell, he added, and in some dioceses there has been an increase of more than a quarter.

He felt, however, that the pay of the clergy was between £700 and £1,000 less than it ought to be, and to raise it to that level would require a further large increase in the level of giving by individuals. Church investments were earning at a better rate than recently, but the Church Commissioners had recently taken on an extra burden of £2m a year for national insurance for the clergy.

The liaison committee estimates that church members need to contribute a further £8m this year and £7m next year just to maintain the present rate of activity by the Church of England. Any expansion of mission would require the level of giving to go beyond that.

In spite of recent encouragement, the real value of regular giving to the church was a third less in 1976 than it had been 10 years earlier.

A Resourceful Church? A report on the finances of the Church of England (Church Information Offices, 65p).

Royal Ballet suffers a 'double blow'

By Martin Huckerby

The Royal Ballet has suffered a double blow: it was confirmed yesterday that Miss Lynn Seymour, one of the company's top ballerinas, is leaving, and it was announced that a new production of a Balanchine ballet has been dropped.

Miss Seymour is to become artistic director of the ballet of the Bavarian State Opera, Munich. She will take up the post in November, but she will be fulfilling all her commitments to the Royal Ballet in this season.

Her work in Munich will include both dancing and choreography. In the past few years she has choreographed several works for the Royal Ballet, and her latest, *Intimate Letters*, will receive its premiere from the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in London on October 10.

The ranks of the Royal Ballet are beginning to look a little depleted. Anthony Dowell has joined the American Ballet Theatre, at least for the current season, and Georgina Parkinson has done the same, and Ann Jenner and Dale Baker have gone to the Australian Ballet.

The first British production of Balanchine's ballet, *Liebeslieder Walzer* was to receive its premiere on November 23, but the company said yesterday that during the period allocated for rehearsals Balanchine was unable to spare the staff to come from the United States to teach the ballet.

It was impossible to change the dates of the rehearsals, so the production had been dropped, but the company hoped to present it in future, possibly even later in this season. The ballet will be replaced by a revival of Ashton's *Birthday Offering*, to music by Glazunov.

Chair prices stay high at Christie's

Prices for English furniture at Christie's yesterday continued the upward trend evident at the end of last season, chairs selling particularly well. A set of 12 George III mahogany dining chairs, including a pair of armchairs, the centre carved with Prince of Wales's feathers, went to Fredericks, the London dealer, at £3,400. The sale totalled £109,837 with 8 per cent unsold.

Sorgeloose, the Belgian dealer, paid £1,800 for a set of eight Regency mahogany dining chairs, including a single armchair, and £1,400 for a set of six George III mahogany dining chairs, including a single armchair. The pierced, vase-shaped splats in the latter also displayed the Prince of Wales's feathers.

Rubin Brothers, of London, paid £3,400 for a Regency mahogany breakfront secretaire bookcase 84 inches wide and an anonymous buyer paid £2,600 for a George III fiddle-back mahogany breakfast table 68 inches wide.

A late George III mahogany and satin wood small cylinder bureau realized £2,100, also anonymous.

Eastern rugs and carpets in the same sale included a large Kirman carpet with perching birds and flowering and cypress trees in an ivory border, at £2,900.

In a sale of fine and rare wines and collectors' pieces prices were high. The top price was £3,300 for a bottle of 1806 Lafite, part of a collection of Lafite consisting of 19 bottles and three magnums which sold for a total of £11,710. A bottle of Lafite 1854 made £1,000.

Yquem sold well, 10 bottles and four half-bottles making a total of £1,789; the top price among them was £240 for a bottle of 1900 vintage. An Imperiale bottle of Margeaux 1924 went for £800. The sale made £72,898, with 3 per cent unsold.

In New York, Christie's opened the season on Wednesday with a sale of fine jewels, which realized £146,860, with 4 per cent unsold. Nelkin paid £6,090 for a single-stone ring; the rectangular-cut diamond weighed 8.34 carats and was flanked on each side by a baguette.

At Sotheby's, Belgravia, a large, mid-nineteenth century Chinese fruitwood and softwood moon-shaped bed made £2,200 in a sale of Chinese ceramics, oriental works of art and furniture, which totalled £59,408.

At Henry Spencer & Sons' sale of jewels and silver at Retford, which realized £60,950, Browne paid £7,200 for a three-stone diamond ring which totalled four carats.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, September 22, 1953

Roger Quilter

Mr Roger Quilter, composer of songs and of children's music, died at his London home yesterday at the age of 75. His vein was delicate and distinguished but he achieved a wide popularity with the lyrical grace of his settings of English poems by Shakespeare, Herrick and Tennyson, and by the simple-heartedness of his Children's Overture and the incidental music to *Where the Rainbow Ends*. Quilter was born at Brighton on November 1, 1877, and educated at Eton and then at the Frankfort Conservatoire, where he had as fellow students Cyril Scott, Norman O'Neill and Balfour Gardiner, who were all working under Ivan Knorr for composition. He first made his mark with his Three Shakespeare Songs published in 1905, which appealed to concert singers and amateurs alike. Quilter followed up his success with his cycle To Julia, four of Dowson's Songs of Sorrow, a set of seven Elizabethan lyrics, and a round dozen or more of separate songs of which "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal" and "To Daisies" achieved the widest favour. Herrick's Julia seemed to bring out the essence of Quilter's melodic and harmonic idiom and to Julia he returned for the name of his light opera produced during a winter season at Covent Garden in 1936.

£1,000 prize for a poem

The Poetry Society is launching a national poetry competition to find what it describes as "the most expensive poem ever written". The winning entry will receive a prize of £1,000.

In the competition, which is planned as the first of an annual series, the society will also offer a second prize of £500, a third of £250 and 10 further prizes of £25. It is an expensive scheme but the society hopes, through entry fees, not only to cover the costs but also to raise money to develop its premises in Earls Court as the National Poetry Centre.

The judges for the competition are Ted Hughes, Fleur Adcock and Gavin Ewart. The closing date for entries is December 29.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr A. M. G. Christopher, general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, to be a member of the Independent Broadcasting Authority until December 31, 1981, in succession to Mr W. Anderson.

Mr I. S. Manson, Chief Prosecuting Solicitor, West Midlands County Council, to be President of the Prosecuting Solicitors' Society of England and Wales for the ensuing 12 months.

University news

Glasgow

Dr T. D. Campbell, professor of philosophy, Stirling University, has been appointed to the chair of jurisprudence from January 1.

Dundee

Dr Kenneth Newton, research fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, has been appointed to the chair of political science.

Leicester Polytechnic

Leicester Polytechnic has established a three-year felowship in education, funded by the Islamic Foundation, with the objective of promoting research leading to a deeper understanding of the religious and cultures existing in the United Kingdom, greater respect and tolerance between cultures, and the fulfilment of the educational needs and aspirations of religious and cultural groups.

Church news

Latest appointments:

The Rev M. H. Champneys, senior curate of Tewkesbury Abbey, diocese of Gloucester, to be Vicar of St Michael and All Angels', Bedford Park, diocese of London.

The Rev M. G. Clarke, Rector of Scorborough with Leconfield, diocese of York, to be also priest-in-charge of Lockington with Lund.

The Rev G. B. Kemp, Vicar of St Barnabas', Hadleigh, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector of Kelvedon Hatch and Navestock, same diocese.

The Rev T. M. Thompson, Vicar of Barrowford and Rural Dean of Pendle, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of St Laurence's, Northfield, Birmingham.

Diocese of Chichester

The Rev G. B. Mitchell, Vicar of St Peter's, Bishop Auckland, diocese of Durham, to be Vice-Principal of Chichester Theological College.

The Rev A. K. Jenkins, Vicar of Lanarth and Bryngwyn, Raglan, diocese of Monmouth, to be director of studies at Chichester Theological College.

Diocese of Rochester

The Rev S. P. Gray, Rector of Cliffe with Cooling, to be Vicar of St Augustine's, Gillingham.

The Rev L. A. Hardaker, Vicar of St Stephen's, Chatham, to be also Rural Dean of Rochester.

Diocese of Southwell

The Rev A. A. Conn, Rector of St Anne's, Cupar Angus, diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, to be Vicar of St Peter's, Ravenshead.

The Rev S. J. Smith, Vicar of St Bede's, Morris Green, Bolton, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector of St Martin's, Bilborough, Nottingham, with All Saints', Strelley.

Diocese of Blackburn

The Rev P. G. Aspden, Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster, to be Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Eccleston.

The Rev J. W. Loo, Vicar of St Paul's, Little Marsden, to be Rural Dean of Pendle.

Today's engagements

Princess Anne visits Hawkins and Timpson Group factory, Hailsham, 10; attends open day at Save the Children Fund's Oakwood Centre, Burwash, 11.30; opens sport hall, Beacon Comprehensive School, Crowborough, 12.35; visits Eridge Group, Riding for the Disabled, 3.10.

Recitals: Fred Tulan, organ, St Paul's Cathedral, 12.30; David Kensela, organ, St Stephen Walbrook, 12.30; Singers Workshop, St Mary Woolnoth, 1.10; Recorded music, Vivaldi, Holy Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct, 1.15.

National carriage driving championships, Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, 9.5.

Concert: Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Mahler programme, Festival Hall, 8.

Los Indianos, Argentine music and dance, Wimbledon Theatre, 8.

Latest wills

Miss Lucy Eliza Kedge, of Kingston upon Thames, left £17,547 net. She left £50 to a niece and the residue to the Church Missionary Society.

Lord Hillingdon, the fourth baron, of Kelvedon, left £528,340 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Litton, Mr William Roy Upton, of Child Okeford, Dorset £161,220

Tate, Mr John Thomas, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, company director £154,895

Thomas, Mr Charles William Fowler, of Helston, dental surgeon £187,412

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Science report

Zoology: Magnetism of bees

By the Staff of *Nature*

Although zoologists have had several reasons for thinking that bees are sensitive to magnetism, they have so far been unable to explain the basis for that sixth sense. The mystery may have been solved by the discovery of Dr J. L. Gould at Princeton University, and his colleagues, Dr J. L. Kirschvink and Dr K. S. Deffeyes, who have found magnetized material in bees' abdomens.

Bees have been reported to have a tendency to build new hives with the same magnetic alignment as the parent hive. They also apparently adjust their circadian rhythms according to the Earth's magnetic field in the absence of other cues; and the famous waggle dance with which they signal food sources to other bees is distorted by a slight error which can be eliminated by artificially cancelling out the Earth's magnetic field.

To find the magnetic material that enables bees to behave in that way, Dr Gould and his colleagues examined the effect of a strong magnetic field on the dried remains of bees, both before and after dissection with non-magnetic tools. The researchers have shown that this material is found almost exclusively within the forepart of the abdomen. The natural magnetism they found was most evident in live or freshly killed bees, and its polarity lay across the bee, to the left or right of the animal.

It seems most likely that the bees build regularly oriented crystals of an iron compound, tentatively identified as magnetite, probably in the pupal stage of their development. That would have the strong advantage that the immature bees are effectively immobile in a magnetically oriented hive, being held perpendicularly in cells in the comb, which accounts for the transverse magnetism exhibited by the adult bees.

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OBITUARY

PROFESSOR ETIENNE GILSON

Eminent authority on medieval philosophy

Professor Etienne Gilson who died on September 20 at the age of 94 was not only an historian of philosophy whose knowledge of mediaeval thought was uniquely comprehensive; he was also a convinced Thomist with a definite line of interpretation of his own, which he propounded on occasion with characteristic vigour. The long series of his published works showed him gradually becoming more of a philosopher in his own right while continuing to be an historian.

Gilson was born at Paris on June 13, 1884. He attended the Lycée Henri-IV and took his degree in philosophy at the Sorbonne in 1907. In 1913 he received a doctorate in letters for his work on *La Liberté chez Descartes et la théologie*. His continuing interest in Descartes was to be shown later in his edition, with detailed commentary, of the *Discourse on Method* and a volume of *Etudes sur le rôle de la pensée médiévale dans la formation du système cart sien*.

After the First World War in which Gilson was awarded the Croix de Guerre, he occupied chairs at Lille and Strasbourg and, in 1932, became professor of the history of mediaeval philosophy at the Collège de France. He was elected a member of the Academy in 1946. From 1929 onwards he had taken part in the work of the Institute of Mediaeval Studies at Toronto and, after the Second World War, apparently in a mood of disillusionment with the course which the Fourth Republic was following in France, transferred his whole academic activity to Canada, where he became a member of the Royal Academy of Canada. He did however retain his professorship at the Collège de France until 1951 and was made Hon Professor in 1957.

A slim volume on *Le Thomism* belongs to 1920, and two tiny volumes on *La philosophie au moyen âge* appeared in the *Collection Payot* in 1922. The gradual growth of these two works neatly sums up Gilson's development as an historian of mediaeval thought. The former is now represented by an edition of 1964, and the latter by the edition of 1976. These were substantial tomes, and so too, were their English equivalents (which were adaptations rather than translations). Meanwhile Gilson had also written in detail on *The Philosophy of St Bonaventure*, *The Mystical Theology of St Bernard* and *Dante the Philosopher*, all of which books have had an English version. An *Introduction à l'Etude de Saint Augustin* (1929) and a volume of 700 pages on *Scotus*, modestly entitled *Jean Duns Scot: Introduction à ses positions fondamentales* (1952), were followed by a number of other works including *D'Aristote à Darwin et retour*.

With the Gifford Lectures 1931-32 on *The Spirit* *Mediaeval Philosophy* and work on *The Unity of Ph* *sophical Experience* the rea gained a clearer understan of Gilson's own point of v Gilson insisted that medi philosophy was a Chris philosophy, not only in sense that it was develo by Christians and desig to harmonize with Chris theology but also bec Christianity gave rise to spe problems for philosophical flection. The Jewish concep of God, as a lone absolute b and therefore the creato everything else, a concep alien to Greek thought ha be brought into philosophy its full meaning and co quences. Gilson seemed ready to accept the medi metaphysical interpretatio the "I am who am" of Ex as being intended, if not by Hebrew author, at least by Holy Spirit.

A similar insistence on *primacy of being* appear Gilson's views on the theo knowledge, which will be readily gathered from *Réal thomiste et critique de la naissance*. Gilson will not a that there is any general lem of knowledge in Cartesian or in the Ka sense; for knowing is e tially of being, and, whi mistakes we may make i elaboration of our thinking primary awareness is an questionable contact with We have to examine the of human knowledge in sphere or that, but there problem of the valid thought in general.

Once again, in *God and P sophy* (1941) Gilson put for an interpretation of the Th tic metaphysic of being is developed in *L'Etre Essence* and *Being and Philosophers*. In a metaph sense being is an ult subject. In logic we spe things as existing or not ing; in metaphysics we s think of each thing as a of existing under the char istic limitations which m this thing or that. God pure act of existing w limitation.

Gilson was a somewha matic writer who did no contradiction gladly, bu forthrightness with whi expressed his opinions not displeasing, and his historical erudition gave a right to speak his min was certainly the most e representative of the r revival of medieval philo

He was the recipie numerous honorary degr cluding an honorary do from Oxford, and had m ship of the academies of countries.

Gilson married in Thérèse Ravisé. They ha son and two daughters.

HERR O E HASSE

Herr Otto Eduard Hasse, the German actor, has died in Berlin at the age of 75. Born in Poland, Hasse began by studying law but switched to the Max Reinhardt School in Berlin, which he left to become one of the most popular figures of the German speaking stage, equally at home on the stage, the screen, for which he made over 50 films, and radio.

Hasse began his career in Munich in 1925, and went on to act in various Berlin theatres, and in Breslau, Munich and Prague over the years. When war ended, he joined the Jürgen Fehling and Hebbel Theatres in Berlin, giving distinguished performances as Mephisto (*Faust*, 1945) and Mr Antrobus (*The Skin of our Teeth*, 1946), followed by Harras (*The Devil's General*, 1948), and Domenico Soriano (*Filumena Marturano*, 1953), the last two at the Schlosspark.

Hasse's range was unusually wide. He excelled in a form of restrained and elegant courtesy that, even in German, is known as "Under statement". This was of special help to him as the suave Bernard Shaw in *Dear Liar*, in which he toured opposite Elisabeth Bergner as Mrs Patrick Campbell throughout Germany, and above all as HM's Prime Minister in the 1967 world première, at the Berlin People's Theatr Rolf Hochhuth's *Soldier* *The Times* wrote at the "Hasse made no effort t like the historical W Churchill, though his ga his various uniforms a the exterior man, bu endearingly sly sens humour gave his mem performance a touch of fied authenticity."

His TV debut came la 1970, as the Knut Ha character in Tankred D *The Ice Age*, the role he earlier created in Bochu both cases under the in direction of Peter Zadek.

His better known film were in Hitchcock's *I C* (United States, 1953), Weidemann's *Canaris* many, 1954), Ralph Th *Above us the Waves* Britain, 1955), and *Vi Vice and Virtue* (France, He received numerous a and regularly dubbed voices of Spencer Trace Charles Laughton for the man market.

Mr Dragan Bernardic Yugoslav Deputy Foreign ster, died on September a hospital in Ljubljana. H 56. He held several diplo posts abroad, including t deputy Permanent Repre tive of Yugoslavia at United Nations and Amba to Argentina.

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US draws up ough measures to oost dollar nd cut inflation

m Frank Vogl
shington, Sept 21

broad set of American nomic policies aimed at ucing inflation, strengthen- the balance of payments enhancing the leadership of the United States in world economy, will soon announced.

his has become clear from on in the past 48 hours by White House, the Federal erve Board and in the gress.

dministration officials are vinced that the new policies boost sharply the value of dollar and strengthen con- ence in financial markets.

he Federal Reserve Board acted to raise interest es again; Congressional ders have decided on large s in public spending; the ite House has almost com- ted a new export promotion icy, and President Carter said he will soon announce ugh" anti-inflation asure.

The results of these moves l be increases in the prime ding rate, introduction of ge and price guidelines, cuts personal and corporate taxa- n rates, implementation of w energy policies, deregula- n of the airline industry, in- ases in American foreign and a substantial rise in lending resources of the ernational Monetary Fund.

ast a few days ago it peared it might be months ore new economic policy isions would be taken, with ite House advisers divided r anti-inflation strategy and h Congress unwilling to ept Administration proposals and take decisions.

The situation has changed largely because of the resounding *success of President Carter* at the Camp David summit, which has greatly increased his authority, and by *defeats in* elections this week of politicians who failed to take a tough anti-inflation stand.

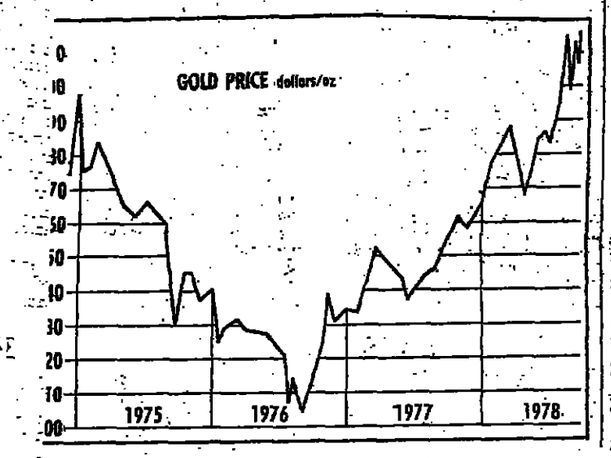
The Fed has raised the rate on Federal funds from 8¾ to 8¼ per cent and it is now contemplating an increase in its discount rate from 7¾ per cent. New York bankers expect these actions soon to lead to another rise in the commercial bank prime lending rate from 9½ to 9¾ per cent.

The Senate Majority Leader, Senator Robert Byrd, said there were now sufficient votes to ensure passage on Wednesday in the Senate of *the Natural Gas Pricing Bill.* One of its main aims is to reduce oil imports.

President Carter said yesterday that his anti-inflation measures will demand restraint and "*some sacrifice*" *from all.* The centrepiece is the voluntary wage and price control *system, to be monitored by the* Administration.

Congress will soon approve a budget resolution forcing sharp cuts in the public spending plans proposed by President Carter for the fiscal year starting on October 1. The proposed budget deficit of $60,600m (about £30,300m) has been cut by Congress to $38,800m.

The budget resolution also includes provision for $19,400m in tax cuts, involving capital gains, corporate tax and income tax.



Dollar's fall lifts gold to a record of $215

By Caroline Atkinson

The dollar slumped on the foreign exchange markets yesterday and the price of gold rose to a record in London of $215.875 an ounce at the close.

Renewed weakness of the dollar this week has led to a steady rise in the price of gold in dollar terms so that it was $5 higher at yesterday's close than a week earlier.

The Swiss franc soared to a peak against the dollar early yesterday morning touching Sw fr1.51 but after some central bank intervention to curb the *rise of the major currencies* against the dollar the Swiss unit came back slightly to close at Sw fr1.517.

It has nevertheless appreciated by 5½ per cent against *the dollar in the last week* alone.

The hostile Arab reaction to *the Camp David agreement* and America's economic problems continue to worry dealers. One said that the market was so nervous that it seemed to have no clear view of what the appropriate level was for the dollar.

Sterling rose strongly in dollar terms yesterday morning, coming within ½ cent of the $2 mark. It then slipped back to close at $1.981, 20 points up on Wednesday's close.

The pound lost 0.1 on the effective rate index, measured *against a basket of currencies,* to close at 63.1 per cent of its end-1971 value.

Some dealers believed that the Bank of England came into the market to hold down the pound

The Deutsche mark rose by just under a pfennig on the day, closing at 1.952 against the dollar. This is near to its record high touched last month.

There were rumours in Frankfurt that the Deutsche mark is soon to be revalued by 3 to 5 per cent within the snake, although officials denied this.

The Belgian franc was again at its floor against the German currency in the snake.

The Swiss franc has reached new highs against many European currencies this week. It finished at 77.7 to DM100 yesterday and at one point sterling dipped below 3 Swiss francs.

The French franc weakened again yesterday, dropping against the dollar from 4.3685 to 4.37025. Fears of industrial unrest in France, and of a devaluation before entry into a new European monetary system, have undermined the currency this week.

One dealer said that the pressure on the franc had been overplayed as it was in part a reaction to the strong performance of the currency earlier in the year.

Shell and BP seen as prime targets in any African retaliation

Fears for UK firms in sanctions row

By Michael Prest

Mr Callaghan's flight to Africa has sparked off speculation that Nigeria and Zambia might be considering action against British interests in their countries, *presumably in retaliation against what* they apparently consider to be the perfidy of past British governments over *oil sanctions against Rhodesia. And,* ironically, it could be that Shell and British Petroleum assets in Nigeria are high on any hit list.

While British companies are no strangers to the threats of nationalization, local majority ownership and government regulation in Africa—Lonrho's Tanzanian assets are currently being nationalized, for *example—the possibility of action in* Nigeria is arguably the most serious yet.

British interests in Zambia are of *considerably less importance, especially since* the copper mines have been nationalized for many years.

Many of Britain's main companies are represented in Zambia and Nigeria: banks such as Barclays and Standard and Chartered, with Grindlays also well-represented in Nigeria; manufacturers such as Unilever, Leyland, GEC and ICI; trading companies such as Lonrho in Zambia and Paterson Zochonis in Nigeria.

But the value of the manufacturing assets is small. Those in Nigeria had a book value of £245m three years ago, with banking, oil and insurance excluded. In Zambia they are very much less.

In many cases local participation is *already high, and Nigeria has stipulated* that all foreign companies must become at least 51 per cent controlled by local capital.

It is hard to see, therefore, that much pressure can be applied against the British government through some as yet undetermined action against these businesses.

The political response in Britain is unlikely to be outrage, and some companies, particularly, those in Zambia, whose *economy is severely depressed by low* copper prices, might be quietly grateful for having their difficulties thus removed.

Nor does trade between Britain and these two countries seem to offer much leverage, for the immediate future at least. *Zambia's exports to this country last year* were worth £95.3m, of which no less than £90m was in copper.

British exports to Zambia were £80.2m. Zambia desperately needs every copper customer it can find, and British companies can easily go elsewhere for their supplies.

During the financial years 1978/9 and 1979/80, moreover, Zambia will receive £52m in aid from Britain, some of which *is compensation for the adverse effects of* Rhodesian sanctions. There are also about 1,100 British experts working in the *country as part of aid schemes.*

Nigeria, however, is better placed for some kind of economic retaliation against Britain, *though it would take months* rather than weeks to be effective. Aid last year was only £6m, while exports to *Britain have fallen steadily to just £219m* last year.

British exports to Nigeria were £1,100m, the largest market in Africa, and the second largest outside Europe after the United States. It is a fiercely competitive *market, and Nigerian buyers could easily* switch to German, American or Japanese suppliers.

But the real sanction that Nigeria has against Britain is not so much trade as the assets of Shell and British Petroleum.

Oil *imports from Nigeria into Britain* may now be small, but Shell and BP dominate the production, refining and marketing of oil in Nigeria and use Nigerian crude in their global marketing operations.

About 10 per cent of Shell's net income of £1,340m in 1977 came from Nigeria; for BP the comparable figure is around 5 per cent of its £1,200m net sales proceeds.

Power game in Germany hits AEG Telefunken

It is never easy for a management to decide whether to back a new technology. *Decisions taken in the hope of* a handsome profit can turn out, years later, to have har*boured incalculable risks.*

It is only now that the long-suffering shareholders of AEG-Telefunken, West *Germany's* second largest electrical group, can calculate the cost of their company's foray *into the nu*clear power business.

Decisions taken in the 1950s and 1960s have cost the company more than DM1,200m (about £315m).

More serious, AEG-Telefunken has gradually slipped out of the big league of the *world electrical industry and* long since ceased to be a stock market blue chip.

After *15 months of tough* negotiation, AEG-Telefunken agreed this week to pay its *larger rival, Siemens* DM1,215m to take over the outstanding risks associated with the completion of a number of boiling water reactor nuclear power stations contracted for between December, 1970, and January, 1972.

The existence of these risks had already caused the AEG board to set aside provisions of DM1,000m and pursue a policy of "management by amputation" to finance this sum.

Over the past few years AEG-Telefunken has whittled down its power plant interests by selling to Siemens its 50 per cent stake in the power station builder Kraftwerk Union AG and half of its 50 per cent holding in the transformer concern Transformatoren Union AG.

It also sold its 35.8 per cent holding in the Osram Light Company, which at the time was a loss maker, but is now a profitable member of the Siemens group.

AEG-Telefunken's involvement with nuclear power began at the end of the 1950s, when with German government aid it started to develop reactors.

This step was followed by a licence agreement with General Electric of America to develop the boiling water type.

In 1969, AEG-Telefunken and Siemens decided to combine their power station interests in Kraftwerk Union AG, but the reactor interests of the two groups were not incorporated into the joint subsidiary for another five years.

This decision was based on the differing nuclear technologies adopted by the two partners, but with hindsight, one can say it was a main cause of AEG-Telefunken's long nuclear debacle.

Kraftwerk Union won orders for six boiling water power stations in the early 1970s, but left AEG-Telefunken responsible for the reactors.

By 1974 problems were emerging with the *German version* of the boiling water reactor so that Kraftwerk Union would not take over the risks attached to the completion of the early 1970s contracts.

These risks were specifically left out of the 1976 deal when Siemens took over AEG-Telefunken's stake in the joint subsidiary for DM618m.

Peter Norman
in Brussels

Baird offers £44m for Dawson

By Richard Allen

William Baird, the textile to engineering group, yesterday made a £44m bid for Dawson International, the cashmere clothing specialist, in which it already holds a near 30 per cent stake.

The move came only hours before Dawson itself was due to have announced details of a planned £50m merger with worsted spinning group, John Haggas.

Dawson's board is to consider the offer at a board meeting tomorrow and has in the meantime suspended plans for the link-up with Haggas. However, City observers are already certain that *Baird's offer will lead* to a battle.

Baird, whose stock market *capitalization is only £31m com*pared with the £33m value of Dawson at the 152p suspension *price is offering two new ordin*ary shares of its own and 240p cash for every three Dawson *representing a value of 205.3p* a share.

The takeover which is underwritten to a cash value of 190p a Dawson share, will require Baird to increase its equity by around two-thirds.

Mr Stanley Field Baird's chairman, said last night that his board had decided on the takeover move after hearing of the planned terms for Dawson's merger with Haggas, on Monday

He added that Baird's long-term ambition had been to link with Dawson, but that news of the Haggas/Dawson merger had "provided the trigger."

Terms of Dawson's link with Haggas have not been revealed although it is understood that the merger would have had the effect of diluting Baird's 29 per cent stake to around 22 per cent in the new group.

Baird's links with Dawson, whose interests include Pringle and Braemar knitwear, date back to 1960, when Baird received a 10 per cent stake for the group as payment for *certain spinning operations.*

Last year Dawson's profits rose to a peak £15.5m compared with £7.9m for Baird.

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Grand Met buys Trafalgar's 23% stake in Savoy Hotel for £5m

By Christopher Wilkins

Grand Metropolitan has bought a key 23 per cent shareholding in the Savoy Hotel from Trafalgar House for just over £5m.

The stake has been seen in the City as providing a possible *base for a bid ever since it was* acquired as a result of buying by Trafalgar eight years ago. But since then Trafalgar has not put any firm bid proposal to the Savoy board, and Grand Met said yesterday it viewed the holding primarily as an investment.

Mr Maxwell Joseph, Grand Met's chairman, said it was hoped close cooperation *between the two groups could* develop. "There is no doubt that if we were able to set up a joint marketing and buying operation the benefits would be of considerable value to the two organizations and to shareholders and staff alike."

In the hotels industry it has been known for some time that Mr Joseph was interested in a prestige name to round off his 64-strong hotels empire, the stars in which are presently the Carlton in Cannes and the Amstel in Amsterdam.

Mr Maxwell Joseph: hopes for close cooperation.

He privately admitted to disappointment when Trafalgar *acquired the Ritz at the modest* price of £2.7m in 1976, and has shown open interest in the Savoy group which, besides the Savoy Hotel itself, owns such prime hotels as Claridge's, the Berkeley and the Connaught. The group also owns Simpson's-in-the-Strand and Stone's Chop House.

However, it seems unlikely that any full bid for the Savoy could succeed without the approval of the board, which controls nearly 49 per cent of the Savoy's votes through its substantial holding of "B" shares. These carry more voting rights than the "A".

Grand Met's purchase involves 6.4 million "A" shares at 75p each—an 8 per cent discount to the market price—and 84,000 "B" shares at 340p. The combined holding carries just under 15 per cent of the overall votes.

Trafalgar, which became involved in heated public rows with the Savoy board over its capital structure in 1970 and 1972, has made little secret of its desire to sell its Savoy stake after it acquired the Ritz. It is believed the shares were being offered at 100p earlier this year.

The deal was concluded on Tuesday at a meeting at the Ritz between Mr Joseph and Mr Nigel Broackes and Mr Victor Matthews, respectively chairman and chief executive of Trafalgar. No previous notice of the sale was given to the Savoy board.

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Davy International puts in £55m US bid

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
Financial Editor

Speculative Wall Street buying of McKee Corporation stock earlier this week forced Davy International, the British engineering group, to rush out terms yesterday for a £55.5m takeover of the Cleveland, Ohio, process plantmaker.

McKee's board meets today to approve the terms. Davy had planned its announcement after this meeting, followed by a full explanation of this significant deal to its own shareholders at next Tuesday's annual meeting in London.

While Davy is already well represented in the United States, which is by far the most important market for process plant in the world, the McKee purchase will add substantially to its existing businesses.

Terms are $33 in cash for each outstanding McKee share. This compares with net worth of McKee of around $16 a share.

Sir John Buckley, Davy's chairman, who is in the United States with his negotiating team, said: "The market for engineering and contracting is a world market, and both Davy and McKee believe that success will be best achieved by creating a large international organization able to offer a full range of technology and management services."

Davy's shares gained 2p to 297p yesterday.

McKee employs around 5,000 people internationally and provides engineering and construction services for the process industries. It also provides a wide range of consultancy services.

Its profits last year were £8.4m compared with the £25.4m earned by Davy, but this year McKee's profits are likely to be lower, a reflection of a workload "below the high levels of recent years".

Since 1970 when the new management at Davy started to reconstruct the group after *some serious contract losses in* the 1960s, Davy has become one of the leading half dozen quoted British engineering groups.

It has proved to be acquisition-hungry along the way, buying a number of well-known British engineering names, most recently Herbert Morris and Head Wrightson.

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U men being used for olitical ends'

y Clifford Webb

Leadership of the Amalgated Union of Engineering orkers yesterday warned the toolmakers on unofficial rike at SU that they are being used" to further the political ms of Mr Roy Fraser and embers of his BL Cars official toolroom committee.

The warning, from national ficials, who have been meet- g in Eastbourne, was con- eyed to the SU strikers yester- ay by Mr Bill Jordan, the nion's divisional organiser in irmingham.

He told the strikers that here was no question of the ational executive accepting eir terms for a return to ork. The SU men had emanded official backing of eir claim for an extra £7 a eek to give them parity with over toolmakers.

Mr George Regan, chairman f the SU strike committee, aid: "In view of what we ave heard today we are pre- ared to stay out for an ndefinite period."

. W. Shakespeare writes: trikers at Leyland's Scottish ruck and tractor plant at Bath- ate, near Edinburgh, will meet oday to decide whether or not o call off their seven-weeks- ld unofficial stoppage.

However, even if the strike, hich has cost Leyland about 40m worth of lost vehicle out- ut, is abandoned the plant annot reopen until October 2 ecause a week's autumn holi- lay shutdown starts tonight.

Yesterday all of the Bathgate orkers—the 1,500 strikers and nother 4,000 who have been aid off throughout the stop- age—turned up at the plant o collect their holiday pay. All f them had qualified for this y time worked before the trike began.

This would clearly have been n ideal opportunity to hold the neeting promised by the stew- rds, but they *decided not to* old it until 10 am today in the actory canteen.

The uncertainties about the neeting now centre on how many of the strikers will bother o attend.

A substantial body of the tewards are against the pro- osed resumption of work and hey presumably command some support on the shopfloor.

The union leadership has consistently refused to support the strike, has issued instructions for it to be called off and the district committee of the union has voted to strip the stewards involved of their credentials.

Wage deals expected to be well above 5pc guideline

From David Blake
Montreal, Sept 21

It is now believed by the Government that wage settlements in Britain during the present pay round will come out somewhere between 7 and 12 per cent, well above the 5 per cent guideline announced in the White Paper setting out hopes for the present phase of anti-inflation policy.

The actual increase in earnings could turn out to be significantly above the level of settlements, since productivity settlements and wage drift could be added *on to it.*

However, it seems likely on government assumptions that the increase in average earnings during the current pay round will be no greater than the 14.2 increase recorded during Phase Three, and it will probably be slightly less.

It is thought that there is *little risk of wage explosion* involving settlements between 20 and 30 per cent during the current pay round. Such an explosion, ministers have said recently, could double the inflation rate by the end of 1979.

Even with the relatively moderate overshoot from the government policy guidelines, wage costs are likely to give significant inflationary impetus to the economy during 1979.

It is, however, not felt that any increase in wages would *feed through very quickly into* an acceleration of the inflation rate.

The Government has taken great care recently to toughen up its public stance in dealings on pay.

There have been warnings that sanctions would be applied to any company breaching the guideline and suggestions that such sanctions would be used if Ford were to breach the guidelines this year.

It is believed that an attempt by Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, to use sanctions *against* Ford during Phase Three was voted down by his colleagues.

It is not certain how far the Government is prepared to go this year when it comes to the crunch. It is possible that as long as settlements do not breach the guidelines too overtly no action will be taken.

There is also some confusion in public statements about exactly what constitutes the definition of a settlement.

Esso and BP may drill joint Shetlands well

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent

Esso and British Petroleum are likely to drill a joint well to test the feasibility of commercial exploitation of finds by the two groups west of the Shetlands.

The two companies have found oil on adjoining blocks and although no final decision has been made to collaborate, both companies agree they have been considering a joint exploration well and it would *seem a logical next step.*

British Petroleum made the most encouraging find over a year ago on block 206/8 which flowed at 2,920 barrels a day of 25 degrees ABI oil—a heavy crude—through a one inch choke at two intervals.

A further well this year found oil at four intervals, but not in commercial quantities. Esso, which has two blocks to the south of the British Petroleum find, has drilled three wells and found oil in one. BP is now drilling a third well by *the Sea Conquest rig.*

Oil group silent on Kennecott bid

Chicago, Sept 21.—Standard Oil of Indiana declined to confirm or deny today a market rumour that it was making a $40 a share cash offer for 30 per cent of Kennecott Copper Corporation's stock. Mr William H. Wendel, Kennecott's president, said he knew nothing about an offer.

Market observers noted that a large block of Kennecott stock in friendly hands could be considered a *strong* card for Kennecott management to play in any possible repeat of last spring's *tough proxy* fight against Curtiss-Wright Corporation, which holds 9.9 per cent of Kennecott's *approximately* 33 million outstanding shares.

Barclays arranging £146m loans to Poland

Barclays Bank International is arranging two *loans* worth $290m (£146m) on behalf of a syndicate of United Kingdom commercial and merchant banks in connexion with the financing of the Ursus Tractor Project in Poland.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 227.46—0.83
The FT index: 525.7—3.4

Rises

Barr & Wallace	12p to 161p	GKN	2p to 296p
Barrow Hepbn	3p to 39p	Home Charm	2p to 222p
Broken Hill	50p to 765p	Hong K & Shang	14p to 326p
Chesterfield	10p to 360p	Hunting Assoc	10p to 365p
Costain R	10p to 252p	Libanon	22p to 562p
First Nat Fin	4p to 41p	Newmark L	10p to 250p
Fogarty E	10p to 185p	Southvaal	15p to 613p

Falls

Barclays Bank	5p to 355p	GEC	5p to 334p
Bk of Scotland	8p to 280p	Peko Wallsend	8p to 540p
BH South	6p to 123p	Plessey	2p to 120p
Boots	2p to 217p	Racal Elect	8p to 334p
Castlefield	9p to 266p	Rayheck Ltd	6p to 95p
E Rand Prop	7p to 328p	Rio Tinto Zinc	8p to 242p
EMI	8p to 162p	Stone Platt	6p to 107p

Equities drifted. Gilt edged securities were better for choice.
Dollar premium 88.5 per cent (effective rate 42.1 per cent). *Sterling* gained 20 points to $1.9810. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.1.

Gold gained $2 an ounce to $215.875.
SDR-$ was 1.28034 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.644585.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1478.1 (previous 1475.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.78	1.72
Austria Sch	29.50	27.50
Belgium Fr	66.00	62.50
Canada $	2.38	2.31
Denmark Kr	11.10	10.60
Finland Mkk	8.33	7.98
France Fr	8.94	8.54
Germany Dm	4.06	3.84
Greece Dr	73.50	69.50
Hongkong $	9.60	9.15
Italy Lr	1685.00	1600.00
Japan Yn	397.00	372.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.17
Norway Kr	10.63	10.18
Portugal Esc	92.75	86.75
S Africa Rd	2.05	1.92
Spain Pes	150.75	143.75
Sweden Kr	9.05	8.65
Switzerland Fr	3.20	2.98
US $	2.04	1.98
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.50	38.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Magnet Southerns

One for two scrip issue approved

Results for year to 31st March, 1978

Salient figures	Year to 31.3.78 £'000s	Year to 31.3.77 £'000s
Sales	£105,630	£97,882
Profit before taxation	£14,220	£14,461
Profit after taxation	£9,034	£9,567
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	27.9p	30.0p
Dividend per 25p share (Net)	8.932p	8.000p

A capitalisation issue of one new ordinary share of 25p fully paid for every two existing shares registered in the names of members on Friday, 25th August, 1978 was approved yesterday.

Chairman, Mr. S. Oxford commented at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 September, 1978:

"Sales for the first five months of this financial year are up by 15% as compared with a year ago and perhaps more importantly nearly all of this reflects an increase in volume.

The weight of improvement comes from sales to the 'home improvements market' where we appear to be getting a good share of the increase in consumer spending.

I mentioned in my statement that this market was looking good and it continues to do so. This will bring obvious benefits to the group, and it is pleasing to tell you that the unaudited profit figures for the first five months are substantially better than for the same period last year."

Copies of Annual Report and Accounts available from the Joint Secretary, Sasco House, Bold, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0UJ

Fears that government salvage proposals would cause large-scale redundancies

France's biggest steel unions call for strike

Paris, Sept 21.—France's two largest trade unions called on steel workers in the Lorraine to strike on Monday in protest at the Government's new plans for the industry which they fear will involve large-scale redundancies, union sources said.

The unions, the Confederation Française et Democratique du Travail and the *Confederation Générale du Travail*, are also meeting to discuss what other action to take in response to the steel plan, the sources added.

Some 40 per cent of French steel workers are employed in the Lorraine.

Charles Hargrove writes from Paris: The plan announced by the Government yesterday for salvaging the French steel industry was a "courageous surgical operation", M Jacques Ferry, president of the Steel Employers Federation said.

"The Government has taken stock of the real magnitude of the problem. What is involved is a financial reform in depth, and not short-term palliatives which will create additional burdens.

"Resort to the very elastic formula of participatory loans has the advantage of endowing the assistance given by the state with a character both durable and reversible."

He was referring to the transformation of the existing loans from the Treasury and the Fund for Economic and Social Development, totalling some 10,000m francs (about £1,160m), or a third of the total indebtedness of the industry.

These "participatory loans" bear some resemblance to the public dividend capital provided in Britain by the National Enterprise Board—with the important difference that in Britain they are not reimbursable.

The new conditions governing these loans are, however, so generous and so easy that, in the opinion of the industry, it is hardly expected that they will ever have to be repaid.

No interest rate has been fixed for them, and no date set for reimbursement.

The loans are in fact indistinguishable from an injection of equity capital by the state.

M Ferry had two reservations about the plan, however. First he described as both extreme and unjust the consequences of the plan for the former shareholders, who are transformed into minority shareholders.

The state, directly or indirectly through nationalized banks and financial institutions will control 55 per cent of the capital. The former managers of the three steel groups concerned are to be replaced by government appointees.

In addition, M Ferry remarked that "the direct participation of the state, although a minority one, in the capital of the financial companies which will exercise complete control over the existing steel firms, seems to be in contradiction with the expressed concern to preserve the private character of those firms, and is likely to create a confusion of responsibilities."

The plan was also limited to the three major steel groups—Sacilor, Usinor, and Chatillon-Neuves-Maison—representing 60 per cent of the industry's turnover.

"*This is a serious oversight*, for all firms suffer to much the same extent from the same ills."

But M Ferry did not regard the plan as involving a nationalization in disguise, though he does admit that it is a temporary assumption of direct control by the Government.

The whole gamble upon which the plan is based is that its impact, and that of the corollary restructuring and reorganization to be announced later by the new managements of the three groups, will make the industry competitive again, and thus enable the state to withdraw its stake in it at a later date.

This obviously does not depend alone on the French Government or the French steel industry, but on the European and international context.

M Ferry insisted that the reorganization of the industry would be the more effective for bearing in mind the common objectives of all the French steel concerns, "in a European context in which French steel must not surrender vital positions".

Both the Socialist and Communist Parties have condemned the plan. M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, described it as a "switch from industrial to banking capitalism."

As for the Communists, they were ironical about those who described them as "awful collectivists" and produced a plan which amounted to the same thing—though it fell far short of the "democratic nationalization with direct participation of the workers in decisions," they want.

Industrial profitability slightly better in 1977

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent

A slight improvement in industrial profitability is recorded in the latest estimates based on National Accounts Data issued by the Department of Industry yesterday. The rate however, remained at an historically low level of about half that reached in the early 1970s, and barely a third of the level in the 1960s.

The figures show that "real" profits, for return on capital measured on a replacement cost basis after providing for stock appreciation, stood at 4.5 per cent in 1977 compared with 3.5 per cent a year earlier. However, if the North Sea exploration and production activities of the companies are excluded the increase is halved to 0.5 per cent.

Substantial capital has been employed in North Sea activities since 1974 and, until last year, the rate of return on that capital was negative or smaller than the overal rate of return.

An article in *Trade and Industry* yesterday comments that in 1977 the rate of returns on companies' North Sea activities was appreciably higher than on their other activities, though in terms of capital employed at replacement costs, work on North Sea oil accounted for only 3.5 per cent of the total.

Manufacturing companies' real profitability increased more than that for all industrial and commercial companies, but from a lower level in 1976. At 3.2 per cent in 1977, manufacturing companies' profitability was still at an historically low level and below the level for all industrial and commercial companies. Nevertheless, the figure is still a marked improvement on the 1.9 per cent recorded in 1976.

Trade and Industry, however, makes the point that the companies included in the Department of Industry analysis are not fully representative of manufacturing industry because they are limited to the larger listed companies operating mainly within the United Kingdom whose main activities are in manufacturing. Because the consolidated accounts of company groups are used in the analysis, it is not possible to exclude either overseas operations or activities outside manufacturing.

Kirkby men put case to avert closure

By John Huxley

Talks aimed at averting the closure of the Kirkby Manufacturing Engineering Workers Cooperative will be resumed next week.

A delegation representing KME's 740 workrs said after a five hour meeting with Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Industry, in London yesterday that they were extremely optimistic of securing further financial aid from the Government.

However, Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, who accompanied the delegation, said that money terms had not been discussed.

No date has been fixed for next week's talks, but the fact that further talks are planned has raised the hopes of KME. Previously, the Government has turned down the cooperative's request for more assistance.

The delegation, led by Mr Jack Spriggs and Mr Dick Jenkins, both worker-directors, hoped they could persuade the Minister to reconsider a package based on an earlier request for aid amounting to £2.9m.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP, centre, with Mr Dick Jenkins (left) and Mr Jack Spriggs (right), worker directors at Kirkby, who led yesterday's delegation.

Mr Williams cancelled all after lunch engagements to give the matter further consideration.

KME, which makes radiators, has received state aid of £4.8m since it was launched in 1974. Its last tranche of £860,000 in April last year, attracted strong criticism, and the Department of Industry felt that KME's prospects could not justify a further injection of cash.

Earlier this week KME's workers, who will be told of the results of yesterday's meeting today, decided to resist strongly any moves to close the venture or return it to private enterprise through a takeover by the Metal Box subsidiary, Stelrad—a solution believed to be favoured by the Government. It is feared this would reduce KME's labour force to 250. Kirkby has an unemployment rate of 15 per cent.

Credit cards to extend faulty goods protection

By Ronald Pullen

Barclaycard and Access, the two main bank credit card companies, are to extend the statutory protection against faulty goods provided by the 1974 Consumer Credit Act.

Section 75 of the Act gives credit card holders the right to claim against both the supplier of credit and the retailer in the case of misrepresentation or breach of contract.

As the Act did not come into force until July 1, 1977, the card groups have argued that only those who received their cards after this date are covered by this section.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices, has completed his consideration of the Price Commission report on bank charges published in April this year. He has broadly welcomed the Commission's conclusions. He also said debate was continuing on most of the substantive issues—Government departments getting competitive quotations, the operation of the clearing system and cash distribution and jointly negotiated tariffs.

He welcomed the decision of the banks to aim towards more comparability of their accounts, but regretted their failure to make progress on more flexible opening hours.

Britain to gain by EEC coal scheme

From Michael Hornsby,
Brussels, Sept 21

A scheme for using more EEC-produced coal in the Community's power stations, which would be likely to benefit Britain more than any other member state, has been submitted to energy ministers by the European Commission.

The Commission said today that two other proposals, both designed to boost EEC coal production and preserve jobs in the pits, would soon follow. The first envisages Community financial aid for the building, or convertion, of Power Stations to burn coal instead of oil.

In the second, the steel industry would be given substantially increased financial aid to encourage it to use Community-produced coking coal. Although the competition from cheap imports is not so stiff as for steam coal, the situation is felt to be serious enough.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, and the other energy ministers will consider the proposals when they meet in Brussels at the end of October. They have discussed the coal aid idea fruitlessly several times before, but this is the first time it has been submitted formally by the Commission as a draft regulation.

Last year, fewer than 4 million tonnes of the steam coal burned in the EEC's power stations came from community coalfields. The other 22 million tonnes were imported.

To make EEC coal competitive, the Commission proposes paying a subsidy of about £6.60 a tonne for three years, the total volume of the subsidy payments not to exceed £66m a year. The aim is to raise power stations consumption of EEC coal to 10 million tonnes a year.

The scheme is particularly attractive for Britain, the EEC's biggest coal producer, since the subsidy would more or less close the gap between production costs, which are the lowest in the Community, and the price of imported coal.

Germany, the other big coal-mining nation, also has an interest in the scheme, and in the aid for coking coal. But Italy and France, which rely heavily on imported coals, are unlikely to be amenable, unless Mr Benn drops his long-standing objection to proposals for reducing over-capacity in the EEC's oil refining industry.

Company taken off pay code blacklist named

One of the six companies recently taken off the Government's blacklist of those which have breached the pay code was named yesterday as Record Tower Cranes.

The company, which has been on the list since February, said in a statement that negotiations with the Treasury had resulted in its name being removed.

A spokesman for the company said the breach was of a technical nature, and inadvertent. As far as he knew no business had been lost as a result of the blacklisting.

Conflict faces ships scrap-and-build plan

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

Sharp conflicts of opinion are expected when international shipping experts meet in London on Tuesday for key talks on a scrap-and-build scheme to help solve world shipping and shipbuilding problems.

Some 50 delegates are expected from shipping, shipbuilding, oil, and banking interests in 15 countries, and observers will be present from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development whose consent will be needed to activate the scheme.

As foreshadowed in *The Times*, the draft scheme prepared by International Maritime Industries Forum (IMIF) experts in London, will propose incentives of 12 (instead of seven-year credit and a three-year moratorium) for owners building new ships and scrapping old ones, probably in the ratio of one to two.

British Shipbuilders strongly supports the scheme as a means of maintaining employment in British yards, where work threatens to run out within a year. But British owners fear it may work in favour of older fleets than theirs, and therefore against their competitive interests.

Norway and Greece are also believed to be critical.

Idle world-wide tonnage stands now at nearly 800 ships of 56 million tons, or 9 per cent of the world fleet. Scrapping is running at nearly 10 million tons deadweight a year.

Industrial stocks on the increase

Stock building continued at a high level in the second quarter of this year, and the preliminary estimate of a 6 per cent rise in industrial investment from the depressed first quarter was confirmed by revised figures published yesterday. Both sets of figures are now available on a 1975 price base.

Large increases in the stocks held by the food, drink and tobacco industries and the engineering industry more than accounted for the overall rise in manufacturers' stocks, as there was some destocking by other industries. Wholesalers also reduced their stocks last month by £40m at 1975 prices.

Investment in distributive and service industries has been more buoyant than that of manufacturing.

CAPITAL SPENDING

The following are the figures published yesterday by the Department of Industry for the fixed capital expenditure of manufacturing, distributing service and shipping industries: and for stocks: all seasonally adjusted at 1975 prices.

		£m Investment Total	£m Investment Mfg	£m total stocks
1975		7,929	3,522	—1,570
1976		7,601	3,345	460
1977		8,296	3,573	737
1976	Q1	1,840	813	73
	Q2	1,864	828	—123
	Q3	1,975	849	210
	Q4	1,932	856	299
1977	Q1	1,988	851	466
	Q2	2,024	879	262
	Q3	2,111	910	—157
	Q4	2,174	932	167
1978	Q1	2,156	920	214
	Q2	2,191	971	302

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Danger of monetary straitjacket

From Lord Bruce of Donington

Sir, Few would disagree with your editorial comment (September 18) that "it would be worse for Britain to join and fail than to remain outside" any new European Monetary System emerging from the agreement apparently arrived at by Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard d'Estaing on September 15. Should not, however, the problem be faced in its more positive aspect—that of devising a system which, together with changes in vital sectors of Community policy, gives Britain a reasonable chance of benefiting from her participation in it?

At the present time Britain's massive net unrequited contribution to the EEC Budget (estimated at £750m to £800m for 1979), which results almost entirely from the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy, exercises a powerful deflationary pressure which is not mitigated in any way by a comparable surplus on her current overseas trading account.

Coupled with monetary constraints and cuts in other public expenditure on a scale even more severe than those thought necessary at the time of the IMF negotiations, this deflationary pressure has acted, and is still acting, as a brake on the growth of the nation's gross national product.

Unless, therefore, the Common Agricultural Policy is reformed on lines which sharply reduce Britain's net and unrequited contributions to the EEC, her entry into any scheme involving her subjection to restrictive exchange-rate rules would take the form of donning a straitjacket rather than presenting her with a positive and constructive opportunity of sharing in such benefits as are in contemplation as the result of European monetary stability.

The Federal Republic of Germany has no such problems, for her even more massive net and unrequited contribution to EEC funds (also as a result of the CAP) acts as a neatly balanced deflationary balance against the inflationary pressure generated by her huge surplus on overseas trading account.

France, a net recipient of EEC funds, and bent on pursuing a mildly deflationary policy implicit in the latest proposals of M Barre, can likewise accept exchange-rate disciplines and would indeed welcome them as providing an external economic pressure in support of her own projected political policy of imposing greater internal monetary restraints.

Both Germany and France have therefore, in contradistinction to the United Kingdom, a vested interest not only in retaining the basic essentials of the Common Agricultural Policy intact but in ensuring that Britain is kept perpetually in a struggling "second tier" role retaining only an econ status sufficiently viable fo purpose of her continued disproportionate contribut to Nato defence costs.

Such a status might be agreeable to those large fi cial and industrial conc multinational and other who find the United King a convenient base of opera in Europe and beyond, re less of the United Kingd own economic fortunes. would not, however, long tolerated by the great ma our less exalted fellow co men.

In these circumstances, trust you will permit me t iterate my urgings in columns (August 21) that cal changes in the CAP sh be one of the pre-condition any agreement which w restrict Britain's right to her exchange rates. To such an agreement on the of vague wishful thinking its effects would som generate "business confid on a scale sufficient to e the country to break out o straitjacket to which I referred would be an a almost incredible naiveté perable only with the blind—and so far unjustif faith which inspired our into the EEC in 1972.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD BRUCE,
House of Lords,
September 20.

Building site safety and cleanliness

From Mr T. S. Riches

Sir, I was interested to read Mr Tolhurst's letter on conditions in the building industry.

While few would deny that it is possible to find sites such as those he says he has had the misfortune to be employed upon, most firms realize that a tidy and safe site is more likely to be an efficient and smooth-running site and one on which problems are less likely to develop. It has to be remembered that safety and cleanliness require a responsible attitude by both management and workers and, of course, the more labour directed to cleaning up, the less incentive there is to others to minimize waste and to clear up after themselves.

By its nature, building is a less safe industry than many others, but it is perhaps worth recording that the Health & Safety Executive has commented that "in the case of manufacturing and construction, Great Britain compares very favourably with the other major EEC countries". This is not to be complacent—there is much to be done and my federation is doing its utmost to encourage the highest possible standards of safety among its members.

Mr Tolhurst says that the industry is still casual. This is true, but certainly not to the extent that many people think and, equally, not as much as it used to be. The figures which your correspondent disputes can be corroborated by the Department of Employment New Earnings Survey 1974. It is unfortunately quite correct to refer to the fact that thousands of workers have been forced out of the industry over the past two or three years: this is because of the extent to which the industry has been allowed to run down, very largely through Government policy.

Rates of pay are agreed between the National Federation of Building Trades Employers and the building unions through the National Joint Council for the Building Industry, and are naturally subject to the constraints of Government pay policy. Nevertheless, Mr Tolhurst's figures do not seem to be typical and appear to ignore bonus.

I would profoundly agree that CABIN will not solve the industry's problems and, in fact, it was not set up with that object. It was set up to dissuade the Labour Party from introducing state intervention and control, and the resultant stifling of enterprise which Mr Tolhurst does not wish to see. Certainly men and management must talk, but not with the threat of nationalization hanging overhead.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR RICHES,
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National Federation of Building Trades Employers,
South Western Region,
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Clifton,
Bristol BS8 1BD,
September 20.

From Mr C.—Sheffield

Sir, As a bricklayer I support Mr Tolhurst (September 18) in his opinion that the stifling effects of nationalization of the building industry outweighs any benefits it might bring (assuming that there are any) but I feel bound to take him up on the rest of his amazing generalizations, the most insulting of these being that of "corruption and theft at all levels!" I wonder how he has explained this remark away to the men he works with.

He also seems to imply that "unqualified scaffolding the norm rather than exception, which is cer not my experience. Eve most dastardly employ unlikely to favour this st affairs when you consider much it would cost hi damage and compensation fell over and men were in Similarly he should be careful in his criticism "lump" labour. In fact, are among the fastest and skilled men in the industr were be one of them he easily double the money earning now.

I agree that building w casual but I have alway sidered this an advantage, able to work on what I where I like and for wh like (a situation diffic imagine if it were nationa and while he is att CABIN he should rem that they are, as far as I the only organization at ing to resist the Labour I plans, which have more i mon with Mussolini's than any socialist's.

If we are to believe M hurst, he works for a firm who compel him to his tea in a dark tool she filthy lavatories, stand safe scaffolding on a dangerous site, who are employ, corrupt thieve who pay the lowest wage can legally get away wit he has done this on fou secutive occasions. A for punishment, Mr Tol

Whatever the case he ing to make, I can't help ing that he has oversta somewhat.

COLIN SHEFFIELD,
3 Grena Road,
Richmond,
Surrey.
September 19.

The Caledonian Trust Company Limited

		1978	1977
Equity Shareholders' interest		£40,786,286	£35,288,704
Asset value per share		110.6p	95.7p
Revenue attributable to ordinary shareholders		£673,682	£588,377
Ordinary shares ranking for dividend		35,584,752	35,325,371
Earnings per ordinary share		1.89p	1.67p
Ordinary dividend per share	interim	0.60p	0.50p
	final	1.25p	1.10p
Capitalisation issue in B ordinary shares		1.76468%	1.77723%

In his Chairman's Statement Mr J. A. Lumsden brings out the following points:—
A final dividend of 1.25p making 1.85p for the year has been recommended as compared with 1.60p for the previous year.
A further increase in dividend is expected in the current year. The net asset value per share increased by 15.6% during the year.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY
Our broad investment strategy is to maintain a balanced portfolio based primarily on the three major economies of the UK, USA and Japan, but with significant interests also in other areas such as Asia, Australia, Brazil and Europe. At differing times one or more areas will outperform the remainder, and it is of course our aim to have a larger share of our total investment in the better performing areas. Large scale switches are however impracticable on a short term basis, and it would only be on a longer term view that a material change in direction would be justified. At present we think it right to have some two-thirds of our equity investments in overseas areas.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The annual general meeting will be held at 11.00 a.m. on Monday the 9th day of October 1978 at 175 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2LD.

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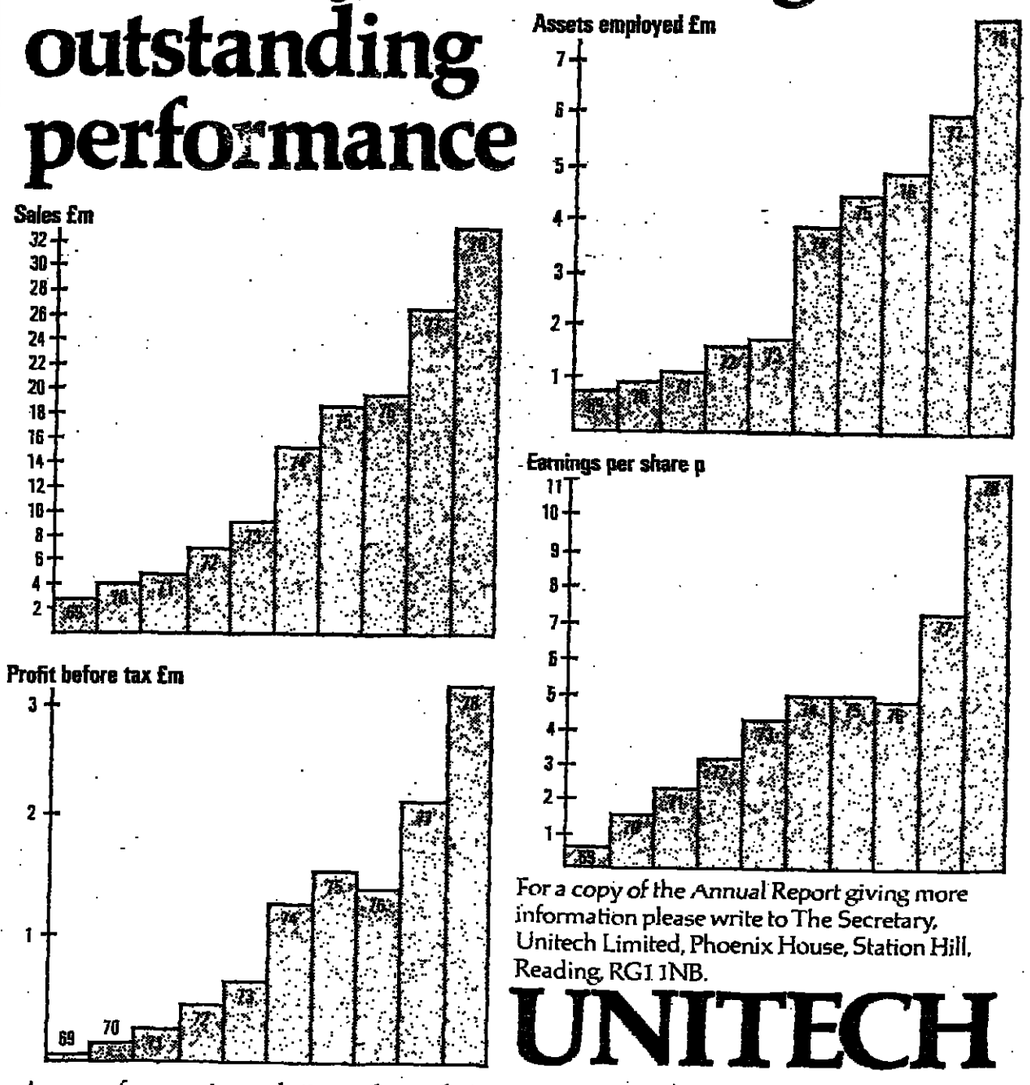

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Grand Metropolitan at the Savoy

official line from Grand Metropolitan rday was that its purchase of Trafalgar e's 23 per cent stake in the Savoy, ing nearly 15 per cent of the votes, ld be viewed "primarily as an invest-". Since at 75p the "A" shares yield re 2 per cent, the point of the invest- is clearly the strategic position it gives dMet rather than the financial return. question, then, is whether GrandMet ds the holding as the springboard to an ate bid.

ere is little doubt that, having been n to the Ritz by Trafalgar, GrandMet ast an interested eye over the Savoy, he Savoy's voting structure makes it ally impregnable against an unwanted The board controls almost 49 per cent has influence over nearly 15 per cent of the votes which are owned through large holdings. GrandMet's best long- hope, therefore, must be that the tors, particularly the dominant holders, ugh Wontner and Dame Bridget D'Oyly , decide at some point that selling out n agreed basis is desirable, and that like the idea of going into Mr Maxwell h's empire better than ending up with dgar.

r it is hard to see what circumstances, than personal, might prompt the board eek a bid. Admittedly the results een 1973 and 1976 were poor—a £57,000 was incurred in 1974. But prior to that p the return on capital was impressively and last year's peak profits of £2.33m esented a return of over 17 per cent and rgin on turnover of almost 11 per cent. balance sheet, meanwhile, shows borrow- at only a quarter of shareholders' funds ome 68p per "A" share.

At 205p a share, the terms represent an exit p/e ratio of only 5½ on Dawson's latest earnings. The board, however, has already warned that those profits could represent the peak, while Dawson's switchback earnings record shows just how volatile the cycles can be in the cashmere business. Dawson of course also has £13m of cash, which Baird believes it could put to good use. For its part Dawson should reconsider its decision not to spell out the terms of its agreement with Haggas—now effectively put on ice—to give shareholders a clearer indication of where they would stand without Baird.

● *In last week's general euphoria in the market, it was noticeable that shareholders in investment trust companies displayed a more muted enthusiasm. Investment trust discounts actually widened to 29 per cent compared with a year's best of around 26.5 per cent.*

There could be a tactical explanation. Investment trust companies and unit trusts which invest in investment trust shares have the opportunity of a once-and-for-all capital gains tax "perk" over the next few months and many of them may have been taking advantage of it through bed-and-breakfasting or straight disposals.

Until April 1979 investment trust shareholders receive a credit of 17 per cent their capital gains tax liability on gains realized in the shares; after that the concession is limited to 10 per cent. However, the funds themselves only pay 10 per cent on their realized gains. So, an investment or unit trust selling investment trust shares at the moment benefits from an extra 7 per cent credit on gains which can be offset against any capital gains tax liability which it may have on other parts of its portfolio.

earlines

iry International

cKee appears pensive

r International will apparently tell all it its £55½m purchase of the McKee oration at next Tuesday's annual meet- *Until then its share price looks exposed,* McKee, an Ohio process plant manufac- r, appears expensive at $33 a share (a *ium of perhaps 40 per cent on the pre-* price) particularly as it has reported pointing first half earnings this year expects this trend to continue for the ent against a background of a lower load.

vy seems to be paying around 16 times year's earnings, but perhaps 20 times for this year. Moreover, there is nd 50 per cent of goodwill in Davy's s which will have a sharp impact on an ittedly strong balance sheet. This is aps the price that has to be paid to get a United States company but the ediate view must be that Davy will be y to see McKee wash its face over the year, though both parties seem con- at that of the longer terms benefits. ainly, it is a deal which puts Davy erfully into the United States market, the company is not noted for making akes.

wson/Haggas

ird breaks up e party

rson International's board will decide y on its response to yesterday's bid from biggest shareholder William Baird. Out- rejection seems almost certain. Dawson not have been too surprised by yester- 's sudden turn of events. By agreeing a ger with worsted spinner John Haggas, ns of which were due yesterday, Dawson *pushed Baird into a decision.*

aird could have supported the link-up seen its near 30 per cent stake diluted perhaps to around 22 per cent in the bined group, oppose it, or do what it has e. Having decided, it could face a cious battle. Baird's share and cash bid ues Dawson at £44m compared with rd's own capitalization of only £31m. So well as having to borrow all of the £17m h element of its offer Baird will have to rease its capital by something like two- rds.

Delta Metal

Pressure from cheap competition

Delta Metal's role as the highest yielding stock among the four non-ferrous majors is unlikely to be changed by a 10 per cent interim profits increase to £14.7m. Moreover, full year estimates are now being shaded to £30m against £26.7m last time.

Lord Caldecote, chairman of Delta Metal.

Delta started the year well with a 5 to 10 per cent volume upturn in the United Kingdom but demand flattened out and it has remained sluggish. Delta enters the second half working at 70 per cent capacity without much hope of a significant improvement in the United Kingdom.

In strategic terms the problem is that semi-manufactured items are going into *customers' products, for example those of* Hoover, which are suffering from very cheap international competition. So Delta's move *in the 1970s away from semis towards higher* value-added finished products has not gone far enough and there must be a longer term *question mark over its position in semis.*

With gearing creeping up slightly from the 52 per cent of the last balance sheet Delta has not that much room for manoeuvre. On dividends last year's payout was covered 1.6 times (it was uncovered on CCA) and a maintained interim is not a confident sign. Profits of £30m would suggest cover of 1.7 times, so at this stage the yield of 9.2 per cent at 81p is probably not high enough to attract support when compared with IMI's 8 per cent, McKechnie's 7.6 per cent and BICC's 7.5 per cent.

Uncertainty continues for Namibia businessmen

South Africa's decision to go ahead unilaterally with elections in Namibia (South-West Africa) in defiance of the United Nations may appear helpful to Western economic *interests. But there is no guar-* antee that it will do anything to ensure long-term stability in *an area temptingly rich in* mineral resources, notably uranium.

The willingness of the South- West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) to end its drawn-out guerrilla war hinged on Pretoria's acceptance of elections held under United Nations supervision. Even the multiracial Namibia National Front, led by Mr Bryan O'Linn, wanted to see the return of exiles, many of them Swapo supporters, before elections.

Enough people have been registered under South African auspices to make the holding of elections—for an assembly to draw up a constitution for a new Namibia—a practical proposition. But any attempt at a solution which excludes Swapo is doomed to instability. Swapo has its roots in the Ovambo tribe—an estimated 47 per cent of the *population*—and its appeal extends to the young of other tribal groups.

The business community in general and South Africa itself would welcome an electoral victory by the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, an umbrella organization of 11 ethnic groups led by Mr Dirk Mudge of the all-white Republican Party. The DTA is the organization most likely to profit from the early election which Mr John Vorster announced in Pretoria two days ago.

Exclusively white groups to *the right of the DTA would not* stand much chance in the election, in a territory where only 100,000 of the 900,000 inhabitants are European.

Dennis Taylor

Geographical, ethnic and strategic considerations mean that a guerrilla war could continue in Namibia without disrupting the economy and threatening communications in the way that this has happened in Rhodesia. Guerrilla activities are concentrated in the northern and eastern areas near the Angolan and Zambian borders. The Ovambos straddle the frontier with Angola.

Windhoek, the Namibian capital, lies hundreds of miles *to the south, and mining is con-* centrated in the south and west.

It should be quite possible to continue operations in the west at Rio Tinto-Zinc's Rössing, the largest uranium mine in the world.

But it is when the long-term implications of South Africa's unilateral decisions are examined that the outlook becomes less reassuring for the supporters of the status quo. The *United States, Britain, Canada,* France and West Germany, the powers which laid the groundwork for a solution embracing all the interested parties, including Pretoria and Swapo, now find their efforts set aside. Unless President Carter's administration abandons its strategy of black nationalism in *Southern Africa and winning* black support for the West, Washington is bound to continue its pressure.

Angola will not only continue to offer sanctuary to Swapo guerrillas, but South Africa's rejection of a United Nations sponsored road to independence means that Luanda is likely to continue to deny water from the Ruacana hydro-electric scheme to Namibia.

The thorny question of Walvis Bay, the territory's only real harbour, also remains unresolved. Legally, this is a South African enclave, but pressure has been building up for its transfer to an independent Namibia.

David Blake

All confused together?

As the Finance Ministers of the world gather in Washington *this weekend, they are prepar-* ing to tell themselves that the world economy is at last starting to come right. The payments imbalances which have plagued the international monetary system are beginning to be reduced as a result of parity changes and a convergence of growth rates. The financial crisis of developing countries' debt, which was *threatened in the wake of the* increase in oil prices, has not materialized.

Far from there being a crisis of shortage of liquidity for these countries, credit conditions are *easy—so easy* that some nations see no point in creating further international funds.

Although growth is now recognized to be too low, there has been some action by countries such as Germany and Japan to stimulate their economies and latest estimates suggest that growth everywhere may have been slightly faster in the second quarter than *earlier estimates suggested.*

But behind this fairly optimistic picture, which may be reinforced by new estimates from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development trimming the predicted Japanese surplus and United States deficit this year, the deep structural problems still remain.

Unemployment is not merely very high in the industrialized world at about 17 million: it is still rising. Even the most optimistic assessments of the effect of stimulatory measures announced *in recent months* conclude that growth rates cannot be raised high enough to cut unemployment significantly during the rest of this decade.

Finance ministers gather in Washington at the weekend for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund. But there appears to be little agreement among them on how to solve the world's most pressing problems

Ministers have constantly warned their populations that they must lower their expectation of economic performance and they have certainly taken their own message to heart. They no longer seem to believe that it is realistic to expect the world economy to return to the inflation rates or the unemployment rates which were common before 1973.

Instead, they want people to turn their attention from these difficulties (which they hope will not grow worse) to the much deeper structural problems which are believed to exist in the industrial economies. These problems arise partly from the increase in energy prices which has rendered much equipment uneconomic, partly from the emergence of new competitors *in key industries, such as ship-* building, and partly from the fact that automation has coincided with a rapid increase in the labour force.

The role of economic and monetary management in this context is seen to be much more one of providing stability as a background against which these changes can take place than as a positive force hoping to find solutions.

The problem is that there is instability throughout the world in both the monetary and demand management fields themselves. The great undiscussed topic in most of the formal speeches at the IMF this year will be the plight of the dollar.

European governments have largely given up talking about the dollar's decline in recent months. This is not simply because of a desire to avoid offending the Americans. It is also a reflection of the fact that European governments have more or less given up believing that the United States Administration can, or will, do anything to help the dollar.

This belief is part of a more general scepticism about the American role in the international monetary system.

The main technical question facing the IMF at the moment revolves around two issues. One is finding a practical and fairly painless way to replace the dollar at the centre of the world monetary system with an alternative.

For the United Kingdom and many others this means building up the role of special drawing rights. One way in which they hope to do this is by allowing countries who hold dollars to cash them in for SDRs.

This "substitution account" idea has fallen flat on its face. The Americans have shown no *interest whatever* in a scheme which would dethrone their currency.

The other issue is the provision of more liquidity. Few people would claim that liquidity shortage is the world's chief problem—there is a lot of liquidity about, the difficulty is that it is often in the wrong hands.

A proposal to have a new allocation of IMF quotas to *increase liquidity is near agree-* ment on technical grounds, but is stalled because of American congressional problems. The United States is not willing to ask for more international credit until Congress has approved the last scheme for doing this, the Witteveen facility.

The coming meeting of the IMF is not likely to be marred by the public disagreement of last year when the United States clashed with Germany and Japan about their role in generating world expansion. But *the quietness should not* fool anyone into believing that people are agreed on how to solve the world's problems. Instead, they are all confused together.

Keeping a check on technology's side-effects

Nuclear power, Concorde, Channel tunnel, Severn barrage —when large technology-based projects spawn side-effects that affect society and the environment in many ways, can there be any such thing as an impartial assessment of benefits and dangers?

There can indeed, in the view of the Congress of the United States, which almost five years ago set up its Office of Technology Assessment to provide such advice. The work of this congressional agency, as recently reviewed in its annual report for 1977, could provide much food for thought for Britain's Parliament and in particular the Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology.

Until the mid-1960's, Mr Daniel De Simone, deputy director of the OTA, recalls, technological *faits accomplis* tended to be followed by patchwork social adjustments. Now the aim is to assess technological innovation in advance, so that rational choices can be made among the social options.

This reflects an important change in social attitudes. Until a generation or so ago technological advance was generally regarded as a provider of good things in an increasingly affluent society.

Then the pendulum of opinion began to swing the other way. Progress was questioned, flaws in technology became apparent; increasing human stresses appeared to accompany technological advance.

Meanwhile, the United States Congress was becoming concerned about the increasingly technological content of the issues it was handling. The decision whether to continue to develop a supersonic transport (SST) aircraft in 1967 was a case in point.

"Never before was a deliberative body so deluged with facts and opinions", Mr De Simone says. "The testimony of scores of experts, added to the formal reports, gave Congress more advice than anyone could digest. It was almost like handing someone a book in the form of a bushel-basket full of unnumbered pages.

"The advocates of the SST failed to carry the burden of persuasion that they adequately understood the implications of the new airplane. Moreover, much of the information was *flatly contradictory. As a result,* the fate of the SST (it was abandoned) was settled by a debate of unusual acrimony, tinged with emotionalism".

The task of the OTA is therefore to make balanced appraisals of issues arising from applications of technology and their potential impact on society. "OTA *assessments must be ob-* jective and non-partisan". Mr De Simone says. "The chips must lie where they fall".

He agrees, that technology assessment is no magical technique for resolving all problems. Only in rare cases will it provide a single "right" answer. Usually, based on solid analysis, it will produce a wide range of options, each of which will have benefits and disadvantages.

The OTA operates as a congressional agency under a congressional board (chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy) which acts rather like the board of directors of a company. It has a staff of 130, a 1978 budget of $8.3m (over £4m), and makes extensive use of consultants *and outside contractors.* Its first director was Mr Emilio Daddario, who was succeeded earlier this year by Dr Russell Peterson.

In general, the outside contractors and consultants are used to provide technical information or specific analyses, while the OTA staff plan the *programmes, integrate findings* and data, perform policy analysis and present the end-product (normally a detailed report) in a form which matches the needs of members of Congress. Advisory panels guide particular projects.

Senator Edward Kennedy, chairman of the congressional board under which the Office of Technology Assessment operates.

Six priority areas for assessment were established in 1974—energy, food, health, materials (*the whole sequence of mining* and extraction, processing, fabrication, use, recovery, re-use and disposal), oceans and transport. Two more—technology and world trade: and national research and development policies and priorities—have since been added.

A ninth "exploratory" category covers the OTA's "early warning" role to examine other issues as they arise. A significant recent project was its assessment of President Carter's proposed national energy plan.

Other subjects tackled have included nuclear proliferation and safeguards; policy implications *of computer-based medical* information systems; development of medical technologies; alternative materials stockpiling policies; coastal effects of offshore energy systems; community planning for mass transit; implications of a computer-based tax administration system; and effects of limited *nuclear warfare.*

The British Parliament has nothing to compare with the OTA. *Ad hoc investigations* into technology based projects are carried out for the Government by bodies such as the Central Policy Review Staff (CPRS) and the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (ACARD) and through public inquiries. In the House of Commons there is the Select Committee on Science and Technology.

The select committee has had *a continuing interest in aspects* of technology in relation to the national interest since its formation in 1966. It has turned its attention to a range of subjects including defence research, nuclear reactor choice, the computer industry and alternative energy sources.

But it has no permanent support staff other than its committee clerks (one of whom happens to be a qualified scientist: the other two are history graduates), though it has engaged individual expert advisers for particular investigations.

And, of course, there is the basic difference that the Commons select committee is not a legislative committee (though its views are noted and sometimes acted on by government), *unlike the OTA's parent House* Committee on Science and Technology.

But, despite the differences between the Washington and Westminster systems, there is a clear need for members of Parliament to be better advised on technology related matters. Ten years after the Select Committee on Science and Technology was set up, its chairman, Mr Arthur Palmer, MP, said: "It would be of undoubted extra advantage if the committee had a small permanent scientific and technical secretariat able to collate work already done and look ahead to new inquiries."

Kenneth Owen

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Business Diary: Where the bucks don't stop

here was surprise and no ibt envy, too, a few weeks when news spread of Sir v Grade's supposedly lavish ome. But his salary was gely based on his company's cessful American ventures l a look at top executive re- neration in the United States se days shows that Sir Lew, h £210,000 a year, is just e of very many prosperous k.

A new survey conducted by ountants Arthur Young and mpany puts the base salary chief executive officers of ge American manufacturing mpanies last year at an rage of $251,700 (about 7,000). This was a 12.1 per it increase on 1976 levels and top executives also had rage bonuses of $101,700 1,364) a fall of 2.1 per cent mpared with 1976.

Those to earn the most on rage were top executives in tobacco industry with ual compensation of $448,500 f pharmaceuticals people h $392,000. Non-manufactur- business leaders and akers did none too well, with rage compensation of a re $284,000.

The averages tend, of course, hide the truly massive inmes of some businessmen in e United States, such as Mr rold Geneen of International lephone and Telegraph, who es home an annual gross inme of well over one million llars.

Washington, which is the me of few big corporations, netheless manages to have its are of big earners. A survey me there shows that more an 100 business executives in e nation's capital have annual comes of more than $300,000.

Two women won prizes in financial competitions yesterday. Edith Bell, manager of the unit trust department of the Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh has won two cases of champagne for guessing what the FT and Dow Jones indices would stand at on September 1. The competition, organized by Julian Gibbs Associates, was publicized only on London commercial radio, but Miss Bell heard of it while in London on business. The second woman prizewinner, Mrs Pamela Chivers, of Raunds, Northamptonshire, has won £50 in a Lloyds Bank competition. This was for suggesting how best a woman could keep separate her cheque book and cheque card, given that women do not have as many pockets as men. Her idea was that the cheque card should be kept in a make-up bag in the hope that a handbag snatcher would take a wallet or cheque book but leave anything else. Lloyds say that other entrants suggested keeping cheque cards in the bra or making a garter with cheque card pocket.

A head for figures: Bank of Scotland's Edith Bell in Edinburgh yesterday.

■ James Gulliver is never one to hide his light under a bushel. The blurb for his latest food retailing venture, Gulliver Foods, describes the search for new operations "which will respond to the marketing, operational and financial skills of James Gulliver and his team".

Once again Gulliver is moving with the same team that has seen him through many of his days at Fine Fare, the emergence of Oriel and, latterly, the turnaround at Alpine Holdings.

Under a restraint of trade agreement with Oriel, Gulliver cannot yet join his colleagues David Webster, Alistair Grant and Noble Grossart, the merchant banking ally, at the recovering Morgan Edwards discount chain, but it is a fair bet that he will be paying a visit to ME's Shrewsbury headquarters sometime after January.

This time he has picked up another former associate, Philip Ralph, who while with Brandts acted for Gulliver in his Oriel period. Ralph is now with Charterhouse Japhet.

Charterhouse will be subscribing about 17 per cent of the £360,000 equity capital, while Gulliver will contribute 51 per cent and Noble Grossart will take about 30 per cent. Gearing, however, will lift available funds to about £1m.

In typicaly fast-moving fashion, Gulliver Foods has already sewn up its first acquisition whereby the Gulliver Associates-Charterhouse Japhet wine business will be injected into the fledgling foods group.

■ Reader K. A. Scarrp, whose odd ode on a Business Diary story about Johnnie Walker whisky I printed recently has written another poem in the style of *Private Eye's* E. J. Thribb:

Business Diary, September 8:
"Corby is being groomed for the top. . . . Business Diary remembers bumping into Corby on the top of a number eight bus in the worst days of 1974. . . . A tranquil Corby replied: 'This is a mere hiccup as far as the PRU is concerned'."

So. Corby rides on top
of a number eight bus.

Is that
How general managers ride
At the Pru
Generally?

Or perhaps
They do it
Only when there's a hiccup.

Or do they charter the things?
Like helicopters.
Anyway it probably doesn't matter

So long as Geoff Haslam
Is in the driving seat.

PS. Corby might have wanted to see
What was happening in the Pearl.

Or the Pru.

■ Prince Charles is to attend two meetings of industrial strategy sector working parties (SWPs) at Neddy next month.

They will be the Industrial Trucks SWP, chaired by John Lyons, general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association, and—perhaps more in line with the Prince's interests as a former naval officer—the Radio, Radar and *Electronic Capital Goods SWP.*

The chairman of the latter is Michael Clark, deputy chief executive of Plessey. Earlier this year, the Prince visited the Neddy offices at Millbank.

He will also be visiting a number of firms active in the industries covered by the two sector working parties.

■ Who is the mysterious striker at Leyland's SU Fuel Systems plant *that everyone* seems to be ignoring?

While most of the media insist on referring to 32 men on strike at the carburretor plant—whose dispute has for several weeks been threatening an all-out strike of toolmakers at BL—there are in fact 33 men not working.

And just to confuse matters, when the strike started there were actually 34—one of whom subsequently left.

I'm told that a tourist guide in Stratford on Avon was approached by an American who wanted to know where the motor museum was. "Motor museum?", asked the guide. "Yeh", said the American. "I wanna see Shakespeare's car." The guide is said to be as well as can be expected.

Ross Davies

Stone-Platt Industries

Interim report for the six months ended 30 June 1978

The company aims to be a world leader in each of its main products—spinning and texturing machinery, train air conditioning and lighting, marine propellers, specialised pumps for the power, petrochemical and water industries.

	First half		Full year
	1978 £m	1977 £m	1977 £m
Sales	89·0	86·1	176·0
Profit before interest and tax	5·7	7·6	17·6
Profit before tax	4·3	6·0	14·8
Earnings per share	5·5p	8·5p	21·1p

* Exports from the UK were £35m – 65% of UK output.
* Interim dividend: 2.72531p includes maximum increase permitted.

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Stock markets

Gilt-edged firm as dollar slides

On went the slide in the dollar and the prospect of the pound once again being worth two of them did something to keep Government stocks firm yesterday. Some operators are growing more confident that the weakness of the dollar will persist for some time and, if this is true, few people will bother much about the trend to higher prime rates in the United States.

However, gilt-edged will probably not go ahead in a big way until the Government's funding plans become clearer. Meanwhile, attractive yields on gilts keep the undertone firm. There were widespread gains of up to an ½ throughout the gilt-edged list, but business in the funds is well down on a few weeks ago.

Against this placed background, ordinary shares went nowhere in particular. Vague hints of a strike at Ford were enough to keep buyers away from industrial leaders but there was plenty going in second-line stocks. There is a strong impression of plenty of institutional money sitting on the sidelines waiting to go into equities.

The result yesterday was the *FT* index, after being 2.7 up at 10 am, finished 3.4 or 0.6 per cent down at 525.7. Bargains marked were only 5,012.

This money is waiting for a setback and the question is whether the events of August will repeat themselves? Will institutional liquidity grow tired of waiting for a setback that does not come?

Blue chips tried to go ahead in the first hour or so but soon gave up the struggle. ICI and Glaxo were typical of those to lose initial rises of 3p a share. They closed 2p down at 398p and 3p off at 632p respectively. Beecham reversed an early gain of 2p to close 2p down at 733p.

BAT held firm at 317p but Rank weakened 4p to 282p. However, these falls reflected price lowering by dealers rather than selling.

Once again the sectors that stood out were electronics and television renting. In electronics and micro electronics it was the turn of Unitech to rise 5p to 163p and also of Bentima to gain 6p to 40p. Dale Electric featured with a 10p jump to 190p.

The newest electronic wonder is Chemring which climbed a further 4p to 112p, after the 20p jump the day before. The issued capital is a tiny £103,000 and the chairman's family and friends have the bulk of it.

In electricals generally the "star-turn" was Thorn. The Price Commission verdict on the group was thought lenient and brokers Rowe & Pitman, Hurst-Brown, and Cazenove placed nearly a million shares at around 381p to realize £3.8m. In the market Thorn slipped 4p to 382p. The group would not say whether the shares came from Sir Jules Thorn. Other television renting issues such as Electronic Rentals, Granada and H. Wigfall were all unchanged.

Among "situation stocks" one feature was the 90p nose-dive to 228p in Bourne & Hollingsworth after the family-controlled department store had accepted Raybeck's 235p cash bid.

Dealers fear that the purchase will set Raybeck back a bit, and in return the group gets a store long on assets but short on profits. Raybeck's shares weakened 6p to 95p.

Elsewhere, word that Trafalgar House's 25 per cent stake in Savoy Hotel had gone to Grand Metropolitan put 1p to 83p on Savoy. Grand Metro eased 1p to 116p, but Trafalgar closed unchanged at 130p.

EMI lost the tug of war yesterday. With the results due on October 4, the shares slipped 8p to 162p.

Equity turnover was £77.85m. Active stocks, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, GEC, BP, Thorn, Shell, Imperial Group, Grand Metropolitan, Beecham, Burmah, Midland Bank, besides Bourne & Hollingsworth, Rolls-Royce, Raybeck and BHP.

Highgate Optical have risen to 40p since it was announced the other day that it was probably selling its spectacle and frames division to Mr Francis Strauss, the former managing director who offered his resignation. The division is not thought to be a money spinner and followers of the stock hope that a successful sale will bring back to Highgate 20p or more in cash a share. Some say 25p. The Dutch parent could still absorb the outstanding shares.

The cautious are avoiding the shares in steel and engineering group F. H. Lloyd, at least until the interim report is out of the way, probably in November. Profits in the 26 weeks to October 1 are likely to be scant indeed, with the engineering division hopefully stopping the rot. Yet, at 76n, the shares are near the 1977-78 "high" of 79p.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Anglo Am Gold (I)	32.1(21.2)	29.6(20.3)	135(93)	100(80)	—	—(—)
Genitalia (I)	19.1(15.9)	1.1(0.60)	1.30(0.71)	0.3(—)	3/11	—(—)
Brown Boy Kent (I)	39.8(33.8)	3.5(2.9)	3.3(2.8)	1.0(0.7)	15/12	—(—)
Cheronese (I)	—(—)	0.59(0.63)	—(—)	0.4(0.7)	22/11	—(—)
City Hotels (I)	3.3(2.9)	0.61(0.43)	—(—)	1.3(1.0b)	27/11	—(—)
Delta Metal (I)	258.1(252.3)	14.7(13.4)	4.3(4.4)	1.8(1.8)	—	—(—)
Dowding & Mills (F)	11.3(9.4)	1.7(1.4)	5.2(2.8)	0.6(0.5)	6/a.	1.2(1.0)
Gresham House (I)	—(—)	0.21(0.09)	—(—)	1.4(1.4)	—	—(3.0)
Hall Eng (I)	38.3(35.5)	2.2(1.8)	7.7(6.2)	2.4(2.2)	3.11	—(—)
'Invstg in Succ'ss' (I)	—(—)	0.21(0.19)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
J. Hoyle (F)	5.2(3.4)	0.05(0.04d)	6.7(6.1a)	—(—)	—	—(—)
G. Kent (I)	39.8(33.8)	3.5(2.9)	10.2(7.6)	4.5(—)	15/12	—(—)
Leyland Paint (I)	15.6(11.6)	1.1(0.82)	7.0(4.6)	2.0(1.0)	1/12	—(—)
Lister & Co (F)	35.9(32.3)	1.4(0.48d)	—(—)	1.0(0.1)	16-1-79	1.0(0.1)
H. Mackay (I)	4.0(3.9)	0.21(0.19)	—(—)	1.4(1.4)	17/11	—(—)
T. Marshall (I)	7.7(7.6)	0.36(0.40)	5.2(5.8)	1.2(1.1)	1/11	—(—)
Nolton (F)	3.5(2.1)	0.14(0.01)	4.6(0.4d)	1.73(1.73)	20/11	2.0(2.0)
H. Perry (I)	48.9(35.2)	2.1(1.4)	11.6(7.7)	1.6(2.4)	—	—(—)
Ransomes, Sims (I)	17.2(14.3)	1.2(1.0)	17.4(13.4)	3.0(2.5)		
Reabrook (F)	—(—)	0.06(0.02)	1.6(1.1)	0.67(0.67)	—	1.23(1.04)
Roan Consol (Q)	e	9.7(0.39)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Selection Trst (I)	95.0(124.8)	9.6(11.2)	16.9(19.1)	5.0(5.0)	31/10	—(—)
Stag Furn (I)	9.8(8.6)	1.03(0.76)	12.02(9.2)	2.3(2.0)	24/11	—(4.8)
Stone-Platt (I)	88.9(86.1)	4.3(6.0)	10.4(15.0)	2.72(2.25)		
F. Sumner (I)	7.6(10.2)	0.40(0.53)	1.0(0.9)	0.5(0.5)	13/11	—(—)
Wilkinson Warb (I)	8.3(7.7)	0.41(0.16)	7.9(2.3)	1.7(1.6)	30/11	—(—)
Wadkin (I)	10.1(9.1)	1.0(0.80)	—(—)	2.25(1.67)	1/11	—(—)
Winn Indst (I)	9.4(9.1)	0.64(0.52)	—(—)	1.35(1.18)	10/11	—(—)
Uted Newspapers (I)	27.1(22.1)	—(—)	—(—)	6.5(6.0)	10/11	—(—)
Malaysian Tin (F)	—(—)	0.05(0.02)	3.9(2.2)	2.6(2.1)	27/10	2.6(2.1)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News they are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=26 weeks. b=Adjusted for scrip. c excludes 0.03. d=Loss. e=Kwacha. f=Rand & cents.

Ransomes breaks out of profits plateau

Ransomes Sims & Jeffries appears to have broken out of its profit plateau. After three years of making just over £1m pre-tax at the interim stage, profits in the six months to June 30 last climbed 25 per cent to £1.3m, while turnover rose by 19 per cent to £17.28m.

The interim dividend is lifted from 3.78788p to 4.47761p gross a share to reduce the disparity between the halfway and final payments.

The board, headed by Sir Peter Greenwell, seems confident that the years of stagnation have now passed. Dorman Sprayer, a strategic part of Ransome's farm machinery development plans will not make much impact on the full year's results since it only came in at the beginning of this month.

But, while accurate forecasts are bedevilled by seasonal influences affecting much of *Ransome's business, the spread* of its operations gives rise to hopes of an improvement over the 12 months. The market took the same view yesterday and the shares added 8p to 163p.

While farm machinery is generally a difficult market at *present, Ransome's European* operations have performed well as have the electric truck activities and grass machinery products.

There is no change since the year-end on the industrial development front. Some 10 acres of the 200,000 sq ft industrial site at *Nacton, Ipswich,* have been funded on a vertical leaseback basis but the apparent lack of demand for industrial space in East Anglia has persuaded the board to defer further development activity on the site. Initial planning permission has so far been received on some 20 acres.

GRESHAM HOUSE ESTATE
Pre-tax profit for half year to June 30 was £211,000 (£98,000). Interim dividend is 2.0p gross (same).

"INVESTING IN SUCCESS"
Pre-tax profit for six months to July 31 was £217,000 (£197,000). Interim dividend already announced.

Rockware steps in for Alida Packaging in agreed £4.6m bid

By Bryan Appleyard

Rockware Group, one of Britain's two largest glass bottle manufacturers, is to take over Alida Packaging Group in an agreed £4.6m cash bid.

The bid is worth 145p a share compared with the price of 113p at which Alida's shares were suspended pending the outcome of bid talks on Monday.

Rockware is offering cash but to shareholders wishing to avoid capital gains tax liability there is an alternative of £1.45 of 10 per cent unsecured loan notes, 1978-83, for each share. The notes are to be transferable, but not Stock Exchange listed, and will be redeemed at par by Rockware at annual intervals from October 31 next year.

The price of £4.6m compares with net assets in the Alida balance sheet at March 31 of £3.4m or 106.1p per share. Profits last year were £722,000 compared with £662,000 the year before but for the six months to September 30 Alida is forecasting a fall in profits from £337,000 to £215,000.

Alida has about a 13 per cent share of the United Kingdom market in low density polythene packaging and is also involved in plastic waste recelamation, an sactivity that compliment Rockware's glass reclamation.

Mr J. H. Craigie, the chairman of Rockware, sees the bid as an attempt to broaden the group's base and reduce its overall dependence on glass bottles. For the last year the company's hands have been tied by the Monopolies Commission inquiry into its offer, along with United *Glass, for Redfearn National* Glass, the third largest bottle maker.

In May the commission quashed the bid and now Alida is likely to represent the first step in a larger acquisition programme by Rockware.

Mr J. H. Craigie, chairman of Rockware group.

Wilkinson, Warburton rise

By Rosemary Unsworth

Wilkinson, Warburton, the Yorkshire wholesale textile distributor, increased pre-tax profits two and a half times to £418,000 during the first six months to June 30, 1978. This rise was achieved in the face of earlier worries expressed by the board about the "unreliable nature of British summer and supplies from the Far East which were in chaos because of EEC quota regulations".

On an 8 per cent increase in turnover to £8.3m the company has achieved its best-ever half time results. But growth is *likely to slow down during the* second half to make a total of about £900,000 acording to market estimates.

Mr Peter Marshall, chairman, said that "current sales and forward bookings for the remainder of the season are at a sufficiently high level to promote confidence that they will achieve a very satisfactory result for the full year".

Earnings a share jumped to 7.91p from 2.86p and the board has declared a 10 per cent *increase in the interim dividend* to 2.62p gross, the maximum permitted under current legislation.

DRAKE & SCULL HOLDINGS
Mr C. A. A. A. Malavez, director, sold 475,000 ordinary shares in which he has indirect interest at average price of 32p.

NOLTON
Turnover for year to April 30, £3.5m (£2.1m). Net profit, £121,000 (loss £11,500). Earnings a share, 4.62p (loss 0.42p). Dividend 2.98p gross (3.03p).

NO INQUIRY
Proposed merger between St Piran—substantial minority shareholding in Orme Developments; Comben Group—Orme Developments will not be referred to Monopolies Commission.

Textiles an marine sid lag at Stone-Plat

By Ray Maughan

Stone-Platt has learne live with delays in export tract shipments but the lem now appears to have exacerbated. So, with e accounting for about 6 cent of United Kingdom duction, the machinery facturer's performance influenced by something than the fluctuations o trading cycle.

That cycle is still sluggish phase, particula textiles and marine mach and volume in the half y end-June last dropped by cent. While sales increased by £2.85m to pre-tax profits fell by 29 per cent to £4.3m, although Sir Geoffrey Ha chairman, had warned downturn at the annual ing, the market's imm reaction was to clip 6p o shares to 107p. The interim dividend is lifte tenth to 4.06763p per sha

Currency fluctuations b sales by £1.1m during t months and profits by £90,000 pre-tax but a n of contract shipments been delayed and will recouped until next mont 1977 year end was "cle this context, but a sign proportion of export o overspill is likely December.

The electrical d apparently performed ably well in the Januar period and pumps rec quickly from the previo ing delays. Both divisio likely to maintain this r turn but hopes of break the Scragg textile ma operation have now deferred until next year

Stone-Platt is still pu an active expansion prog both by capital investme by acquisition. The opt buy the outstanding 25 p of Ferguson Propeller Jersey, is to be picked cost of about £475,000 an Automotive Casting, wh assets amount to £143,0 also been acquired.

Further acquisitions, p in the electrical and divisions are planned short term. Gearing is l while cash balances hav tied up in inventories should be back in balances in the next acc

Provincial broking merger in London link

By Bryan Appleyard

Bristol stockbrokers Stock and Co are to merge with the Birmingham-based George and William Beech to form one of the largest provincial broking firms.

The combined firm, to be known as Stock, Beech & Co, will have 19 partners and subject to Stock Exchange approval, the merger will take place in May next year.

The merger follows a host of small provincial mergers during the past year and the formation of the major Birmingham firm of Smith Keen Cutler at the end of 1976 from the firms of Smith Keen Barnett and Cutler & Co.

It is the first significant link between a west country broker and a Midland firm and one of its most immediate effects will be more business going through London rather than provincial exchanges as Stock has a London office within the Stock Exchange which will now be used by Beech.

The two firms are seen as complementary in several areas. Both have large private client lists: Stock's business consists of just over half private clients and Beech has a higher proportion.

For Beech the main attractions are the London office and the expanded analytical service it will be able to offer clients.

Apart from that neither firm expects significant changes in their businesses.

Judging relative sizes of firms is difficult but Stock, Beech which will have about 75 employees will be one of the four or five largest in the provinces along with firms like Smith Keen, Wise Speke in Newcastle and Cooke Lumsden in Manchester.

United News going well after bright start

United Newspapers, the printing, publishing and newspaper group, pushed up pre-tax profits by 2 5per cent to £3.6m in the six months to June 30.

At £27m turnover was up by 22 per cent on the corresponding period with most of the increase like last year, coming from advertising and newspaper sales where revenue rose by 17 per cent and 11 per cent respectively. Investment income fell by £100,000 to £228,000.

A second interim dividend of 0.18p gross for 1977 has been declared as a result of the *government's decision to reduce* the rate of advance corporation tax. The 1978 interim dividend will be 9.5p gross, compared with 8.9p last year, which with the second interim makes a total of 9.7p gross.

Lord Barnetson, chairman, said that the group's trading *has continued at a satisfactory* level throughout the third quarter.

WADKIN
Sales for six months to July 1, £10.7m (£9.1m), pre tax profit, £1m (£805,600). Full year to show improvement on record £1.75m for 1977. Interim is 3.55p gross (2.83p).

Leyland Paint takes smart opening stride

Leyland Paint & Wallpaper, manufacturer and distributor of paint, decorating materials and wallcoverings, pushed up pre-tax profits by 39 per cent to £1.14m for the six months to July 1, 1978.

The results, achieved on the back of a 29 per cent turnover increase to £15m, include for the first time a £40,000 depreciation charge on freehold and leasehold buildings in accordance with the new accountancy standard. The properties have *also been revalued, showing a* £1.13m surplus which has been added to capital reserves thus increasing the net asset values from 75.3p to 98p per share.

"Current trading continues to be satisfactory and the board is confident that the result for the full year will compare *favourably with the previous 12* months", said Mr Peter Simmonds, chairman. Last year's pre-tax profit was £1.7m.

An interim dividend of 2.98p gross against 1.9p has been declared and it is intended to take advantage of the new dividend legislation at the year-end.

Dowding & Mills up 21 pc

By Tony May

By enlarging its share of the market, Dowding & Mills has pushed its pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 up 21.6 per cent to a record £1.74m. Turnover of the group, which repairs and reconditions all kinds of electrical machinery and rakes in mechanical repairs and electrical installation work, rose nearly 20 per cent to £11.37m.

Earnings a share have increased from 2.35p to 3.28p, and the dividend is going up from 1.63p to 1.78p gross.

The results did not require a great deal of volume increase and reflects a modest rise in throughput. Indeed, if inflation is taken out the improvement is not great. However, this reflects the state of industry at large and any boost to the economy would benefit the group, which is not affected unduly by strikes in any one part of the industrial spectrum.

This accounts for its attraction for the institutions, which hold about half the equity. The biggest single stake is the 9 per cent held by Britannic Assurance.

The group's business is labour intensive, so without a boom its aim is to get more work in, and to find ways of raising productivity. In the past year this helped the group to a 13 per cent rise in profit to £809,000 in the first six months, when Mr Kenneth Sharp, the chairman, expected the trend to be maintained and a record year to result.

The second half proved to be even better with profits climbing 31 per cent to £936,000.

With the shares unchanged yesterday at 29.5p, the yield is 6 per cent and the p/e ratio 8.99.

Anglo American Gold Investment Company Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

INTERIM REPORT

The following are the unaudited results of Anglo American Gold Investment Company Limited and its subsidiaries for the eight months ended August 31, 1978 together with figures for the half-year ended June 30, 1977 and the year ended December 31, 1977. These should be read in conjunction with the notes below.

	Eight months ending 31.8.78 R000's	Half-year ended 30.6.77 R000's	Year ended 31.12.77 R000's
Investment income	32 101	21 270	45 189
Interest earned and other income	492	567	2 474
	32 593	21 837	47 663
Deduct: Administration expenses, interest paid, prospecting mineral rights expenses	2 949	1 488	4 330
Provisions against loans and investments	—	—	1 725
	2 949	1 488	6 055
Group profit before taxation	29 644	20 349	41 608
South African normal taxation	—	—	101
Group profit after taxation	29 644	20 349	41 507
Proportion of preference dividend accrued	446	—	—
	29 198	20 349	41 507
Appropriation: Dividend No. 61 of 100 cents per share (1977: 80 cents) (Note 4)	21 952	17 562	36 221
Retained profit	7 246	2 787	5 286
Number of ordinary shares in issue	21 952 012	21 952 012	21 952 012
Earnings per ordinary share—cents	135	93	189
Dividends per ordinary share—cents	100	80	165

NOTES

1. It should not be assumed that the results for the first eight months of the financial year are necessarily proportionate to the results for the financial year of fourteen months ending on February 28, 1979 since investment income does not accrue evenly during the period and certain costs, particularly those incurred on prospecting and mineral rights, vary materially from time to time.
2. Members will recall that early in 1978 the company's financial year end was changed from December 31 to the last day in February each year following a decision taken by the gold mining companies of the Anglo American Corporation Group (in which the company has substantial investments) to defer the declaration and record dates of their interim and final dividends by some five weeks. The investment income for the eight month period to August 31, 1978 is comparable with that for the half-year ended June 30, 1977 because it includes dividends from the same companies from which dividends were received in the first six months of 1977.
3. No taxation has been provided, the company and its subsidiaries having computed tax losses at August 31, 1978.
4. An interim dividend of 100 cents per ordinary share was declared on June 15, 1978.
5. With effect from July 1, 1978 the company made a private placing of 25 million redeemable cumulative preference shares of 10 cents each at a premium of 90 cents per share. The rate of dividend on these shares is 10.5 per cent per annum calculated on the issue price of R1 per share, and is payable half-yearly in arrear on June 30 and December 31 in each year. The shares are redeemable at the issue price in four equal half-yearly instalments, commencing on July 1, 1981.
6. Particulars of the group's listed investments and the net asset value are as follows:

(a) Listed Investments	At 31.8.78 R000's	At 30.6.77 R000's	At 31.12.77 R000's
Market value	999 027	527 806	760 811
Book value	205 952	162 608	184 731
Appreciation	792 075	365 198	576 080
(b) Net asset value which includes unlisted investments at book value — cents per share	4 411*	2 445	3 392

*Adjusted for the nominal value and premium of the preference shares mentioned in Note 5.

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Selection Trust Limited

Interim Results and Dividend

The unaudited consolidated results for the half-year ended 30th June 1978 are summarised below. As a result of the recent change in the date of the company's financial year-end, comparable figures for the previous year are not available an those shown below for comparison are the results published in respect of the nine-month accounting period ended 31st December 1977.

Results (unaudited)	Six months ended 30th June 1978 £'000	Six months ended 30th September 1977 £'000	Nine month ended 31st Decembe 197 £'00
Turnover	95,047	124,848	201,41
Revenue:			
Operating profit	9,540	11,482	16,86
Profit on realisation of investments	1,959	2,488	4,29
Dividends	2,172	1,626	2,59
Interest and other revenue	2,437	2,526	2,87
	16,108	18,122	26,62
Expenditure:			
Administration, technical and property expenses	2,157	1,963	3,38
Exploration	1,892	1,956	2,78
Interest payable	2,510	2,928	4,13
Exchange differences	(124)	3	24
	6,435	6,850	10,54
Profit before taxation	9,673	11,272	16,08
Taxation	4,090	5,585	6,00
Profit after taxation	5,583	5,687	10,07
Minority interest	233	131	44
Profit attributable to Selection Trust Limited	5,350	5,556	9,63
Cost of interim dividend	1,585	1,454	
Total dividend for previous nine months (14.0p per share)			4.30
Earnings per share (on 31,699,675 shares)	16.9p		
(on 29,072,162 shares)		19.1p	
(on 29,364,108 shares)			32.8

Turnover included a much reduced volume of realisations of gilt-edged securities amounting to only £3 million, compared with £39 million in the figures for the six months of 1977.

Total operating profit was lower than in the first six months of the 1977 period, principally because of the inclusion last year of special payments from the Heerema group arising from the revision of arrangements with that organisation. Mining revenues continued generally to be weak, but improved results were obtained from the Mount Newman operations in Australia. The operating profit included for the first time a full period of revenue from the Kleeman group of companies.

It is emphasised that the results for the first half of the company's financial year do not necessarily give any reliable guide to the likely results for the whole year.

Interim Dividend
At a board meeting held on September 21st the directors declared an interim dividend of 5p per fully paid share in respect of the year ending 31st December 1978, the same rate as for the previous financial period. The dividend will be paid on 31st October 1978 to shareholders registered at 27th September 1978.

As previously announced, and consequent upon the change of year-end the directors propose to consider the payment of two interim dividends in respect of the current financial year and it is expected that the second of these will be considered in Novembe for payment in January 1979.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

...ntalls shoots back to form ...h strong interim leap

May

...r of strong growth after ...y *disappointing 1977-78* ...ng experienced at ..., the department stores ... Sales, excluding VAT ...en 20 per cent on the ... the consumer boom to ... but pre-tax profits have ... per cent to £1.1m in ... months to July 29. This ...*rst time that the group* ...de £1m in only six

...ngs a share are up from ... 1.3p.

... in the second half the ... turnover has been up ... year, but Mr James ..., the new chairman who ...ds Vantona notes that ... of increase has slowed ...r cent. The second half ...ly the most profitable ...ncludes the Christmas ... *and with a tax review* ...l in November the out... for a satisfactory result ... full year. A likely target is £3 to £3.5m, against the record £2.5m made last year.

Mr James Spooner, chairman of Bentalls.

The Chatham store was acquired in August for £352,000 in cash and shares. The group has acquired the next-door lease from J. Sainsbury and the two are being developed as a large single store.

The new store will be open in time for Chrismas but is not expected to be in profit until next year.

The group is "well able" to meet the development expenditure involved and is ready to take advantage of any further opportunities for expansion which might present themselves.

On dividends, there has been a change of policy. Until this year a single payment has been made at the end of each year, but with the group at its present size and level of profits, the board has decided to pay interim dividends.

The first is at 0.44p gross, and it is intended that the final *dividend will represent* the lion's share of the total. Last year's single payment was 1.76p gross.

Selection Trust meets tough going

By Michael Prest

Selection Trust, the mining and finance house, found *profits* a little hard to come by in the first half of its new financial year to end June. The pretax outcome was £9.67m against £11.3m for the half to the end of September last. Turnover was sharply down at £95m instead of £125m.

In fact, the half-year disparity is not as great as the figures suggest because the previous six months' result included the payment of a lump sum by the *Dutch Hereema group when the* chartering arrangements for the North Sea ship Thor were altered. Earnings from the Thor charter in the latest half year were £2.3m, a drop of £2.8m from the previous comparable period.

On the revenue side, dividends rose £440,000 to £2.17m, mainly because of the £500,000 received from National Diamond Mining of Sierra Leone, which in the previous comparable period paid no dividend to Selection Trust. The company has a 49 per cent interest in NDM.

Investment realization profits, however, were less at £1.96m against £2.49m. Much of the difference is attributable to realizations of gilt-edged securities being down to £3m from *£39m.*

The company's expenditure of £6.43m was slightly lower, but it is expected that in the next half interest payable will be rather more than the £2.51m outlay this time. But these figures do not give a guide to the full year's outcome, since in the past Selection Trust's final results have often depended on receipts from investment realizations and dividends. Selection holds 8.3 per cent of Amax.

The interim dividend is unchanged at 5p net, and earnings per share were 16.9p on a larger number of shares. The market put *the shares up 4p to 490p.*

...nn Inds goes marching ...-takeovers likely

...bing the first half of ...r as a "period of con...m", the board of Winn ...s reports pre-tax profits ...5 per cent to £646,000. ...s was achieved on turn...ss than three per cent ... £9.43m. Moreover, it ...n top of last year's rec...fits of £1.31m. The in...ayment is up from 1.8p ...gross and the total for ...r should be similarly ... says the board.

...g invested heavily in the ...e years in modern plant ...mises, the board is now ... to use further funds at ...sal in the acquisition of ...ile additions to the ... So, we look forward to ...ure with high hopes", ..., the chairman, Mr C. ...ne. Winn covers engin... building, property and ...r services.

City Hotels up by nearly 43 pc

The London-based City Hotels Group, which came to the market last year, continues to make good progress. In the first half of this year, taxable *profits* climbed by almost 43 per cent to £614,000, on turnover 15.3 per cent up at £3.35m. Raising the interim payment from 1.6p (adjusted) *to 1.96p gross, the board* declares that the current trading position is encouraging. In 1977, pre-tax profits rose from £744,000 a record to £1.07m.

Taylor Woodrow in £2.5m development

Taylor Woodrow Industrial Estates has been selected by the Wakefield Metropolitan District Council for a £2.5m warehouse development to be carried out *in partnership at Whitwood,* some 4 miles north-east of the town on a 12½ acre site.

Work on the 250,000 sq ft scheme will start almost immediately. *The first phase will* comprise 30,000 sq ft of "advance" units and will be ready for occupation next spring. Rents will be around £1.40 per sq ft.

Lloyd's suspend broker

Crow Dalton Lambert, a small private insurance broker, has been suspended from placing business in the Lloyd's market. Lloyd's committee said yesterday that the decision had been taken because it was "not satisfied with the administration of the company".

Crow Dalton, which specializes in marine insurance business, refused to comment on the suspension yesterday.

Gen Cable offering priced at $25

General Cable Corporation's offering of 2.12m shares of $1.94 cumulative convertible stock was priced at $25 a share, Paine Webber Jackson and Curtis Inc and Kidder Peabody Co, the managers of the underwriting group, said in New York. Proceeds will be used to fund the purchase by General Cable of 2.87m shares of its common stock from BICC.—Reuter.

VENEZUELA LOAN

A $(US)200m loan to Venezuela is to be provided by syndicate of banks *partially to refinance* current portion of Venezuela's medium-term external debt. Lloyds Bank International was mandated to arrange loan last August. It is managed by LBI, Bank of Tokyo, Banque de la Société Financière Européen, IBJ *International,* Barclays Bank International, First Pennsylvania Bank and Gulf International Bank.

...ter future for ...et & Southerns

...ing at the third annual ... of Magnet & Southerns ...n Manchester, the chair... Sam Oxford, painted a ... picture for the com...*which has 225 timber* ...nery centres and saw ... the United Kingdom. ...r the first five months ... financial year are up by ... cent compared with a ... ago. Perhaps more ...ntly, nearly all of this ...d an increase in volume. ...ed profit figures for ...rst five months are ...ntially better" than for ...e period last year.

...hester Council in ...r property deal

...wing modernization of ...f-contained office build... about 25,000 sq ft at ...cks Place, Old Jewry, ..., EC2, Jones Lang Woot...port that a letting has ...hieved to Antony Gibbs ...s. The resultant lease...vestment has been sold ...e Greater Manchester ...l Superannuation Fund ...*price in the region of* ... Price Waterhouse, who ...he leasehold owners and ...s occupiers, moved to ...ew building at London ... *in 1975.*

...s Wilkes still ...ing back

...olidating the recovery ... began last year, James ... pushed pre-tax profits ... 11 per cent to £256,000 ... first six months of this ... Moreover, the board ex... the last half to contri...ibout the same profit. ... would point to about ...0, against 1977's £486,000 ... still a lot short of 1974's ... of £799,000. Sharehold...e to collect an interim ...nt of 2.23p gross, compared with 2.09p last time. Wilkes manufactures business forms, etc.

Briefly

Lister rebounds into profit

Following the trend of the first half-year, the Bradford-based textile manufacturer, Lister & Co is back in the black after two years of losses.

In the year to March 31, it made a pre-tax profit of £1.42m, against a loss of £480,000 in the previous year. Turnover was up from £32.38m to £35.98m, while trading profits, including investment income, more than doubled, from £1.11m to £2.93m. Shareholders are to receive a dividend of 1.49p gross, compared with 0.15p last time. In the half-year to September 30, Lister turned round from a loss of £665,000 to a profit of £338,000, before tax.

TATE & LYLE

Second interim dividend for 1978 of 9.46p gross (against 9.62p), making total; so far, of 14.15p (13.91p).

BRADWALL (FMS) RUBBER

Pre-tax profit for first seven months of this year was £241,000 (£276,000). Board states that reduced profit due to lower rubber price.

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SUNGEI KRIAN RUBBER

Estimated pre-tax profit for first seven months this year is £246,000 against £427,000 in the similar year ago period. This is attributed to lower profit from palm oil.

CHERSONESE (FMS) ESTATES

Pre-tax profit for seven months to July 31 was £589,000 (£630,000). Interim dividend is 0.59p gross (1.1p gross).

LONDON & PROVINCIAL TRUST

Interim dividend for financial year to March 31 is 1.86p gross (1.63p gross).

LONDON AND HOLYWOOD TRUST

Interim dividend for financial year to March 31 is 1.86p gross (1.63p gross).

WHITECROFT

Has purchased outstanding 25 per cent of its subsidiary, Z. & W. Wade, for £542,000 in cash and 39,847 *shares.*

Options

Business dwindled yet again *on the traded options pitch.* Only 699 contracts were arranged but that was a bit better than the 653 of the day before. Leading the list was *Land Securities with 122 deals* fixed but BP came close behind with 112 contracts arranged. In the conventional market conditions were again quiet.

Fatter margins for Hall Engineering

Shrewsbury-based *Hall* Engineering (Holdings) could be heading for record figures this year. An improvement in margins, on a pre-tax basis, of less than one percentage point—from 5.06 to 5.86 per cent—has meant that taxable profits have jumped by 25 per cent to £2.25m in the first half of this year. Turnover rose by less than a third of this—8 per cent—to £38.37m.

Moreover, Hall's board *expects the second half to show* an improvement on the similar half of last year. And this would point to a pre-tax total of £4.85m-plus—topping 1977's £4.4m and 1974's record £4.86m.

Earnings per share, basic, have risen from 6.93p to 8.73p and, diluted, from 6.25p to 7.78p. The interim payment is going up from 3.35p to 3.68p gross and the board is to propose a special additional payment of a small amount because of the reduction in the rate of ACT.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
US STRAIGHT ($)		
Australia 8 1982 ..	97⅝	98
Austria 8¾ 1990 ..	99⅞	100¼
Avco 9¼ 1985 ..	99⅞	100⅜
Barclays 8½ 1992 ..	96⅛	96⅝
Beatrice 7¾ 1983 ..	96⅞	97⅛
Canadair 8⅛ 1983 ..	97½	98
Canada Nat Railway 8¾ 1986 ..	96	96½
CECA 9 1993 ..	100	100½
Charbonnage de France 8¾ 1981 ..	98½	99
Citicorp 6¾ 1980 ..	95¾	96¼
Citicorp 7 1981 ..	94¾	95¼
DFC New Zealand 8½ 1983 ..	96½	96⅞
DFC New Zealand 8¾ 1985 ..	96½	96⅞
Dow Chemical 8 1986 ..	94⅞	95⅜
EEC 7½ 1979 ..	98	98½
EEC 8¾ 1983 ..	95	95⅝
EIB 8 1984 ..	96¼	96⅝
EIB 9½ 1995 ..	99⅛	99⅝
Elf-Acquitaine 8¼ 1985	95¼	95¾
Eurofima 8½ 1988 ..	96¼	96⅝
IC Industries 9 1985 ..	99⅛	99⅝
ITEL 9¾ 1988 ..	99¼	99¾
IU 8¾ 1987 ..	95⅝	96⅛
MacMillan Bloedel 9¼ 1993 ..	98⅜	98⅞
Midland Bank 8¼ 1992	97¼	97¾
NCB 8 1987 ..	93⅞	94⅜
National Westminster 9 1986 ..	102	102½
New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986 ..	99⅜	99⅞
Newfoundland 9¾ 1990	100	100⅜
Nordic Invest Bank 8¾ 1988 ..	97¼	97¾
Norsk Hydro 7⅞ 1982	96	96½
Norway 7⅞ 1985 ..	95⅞	96⅜
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	96⅛	96⅝
Occidental 8½ 1985 ..	96⅞	97⅜
J.C. Penney 8⅛ 1983	98⅝	98⅞
Quebec Hydro 9½ 1993	100	100⅜
Renault 8¾ 1981 ..	98⅞	99⅜
R. J. Reynolds 7½ 1982	96⅞	97⅛
Shell 8¼ 1990 ..	95	95½
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	97⅛	98
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1982 ..	96¾	97¼
Ford 8½ 1984 ..	95⅞	96⅜
General Motors 9¾ 1988	97⅞	98⅜
Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992 ..	98¾	99¼
Union Carbide 9¾ 1986	99	99½
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Chase Manhattan 9 15/16 1993 ..	97⅞	98⅜
Intl Westminster 8 1984	99¼	99¾
Midland 9 7/16 1993 ..	98½	99
Offshore Mining 9 7/16 1986 ..	98¾	99¼
Williams & Glyn 9¾ 1984 ..	99½	100
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	82	83½
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992 ..	133½	134½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	100½	102
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1992	116½	118
Beecham 6¾ 1992 ..	120	121
Boots 6⅝ 1993 ..	103½	104½
Borden 5 1992 ..	96⅞	98
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	74	75½
Carnation 5 1988 ..	77	78½
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	82½	84
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	86½	88
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	80	81½
Firestone 5 1988 ..	76½	78
Ford 5 1988 ..	90½	92
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85½	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	76½	78
Gulf & Western 5 1988	87	88½
Harris 5 1992 ..	230	232
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	85	86½
ICI 6¾ 1992 ..	108½	109½
INA 6 1997 ..	98½	100
Inchcape 6¾ 1992 ..	115	116½
ITT 4½ 1987 ..	78½	80
Jusco 6 1992 ..	143	144
Komatsu 7½ 1990 ..	142	143
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 ..	153	155
Nabisco 5¼ 1988 ..	103	104½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	116½	118
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	75½	77
Revlon 4¾ 1987 ..	131	132½
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	86	87½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987 ..	97	98½
Squibb 4¼ 1987 ..	82	83½
Texaco 4½ 1988 ..	76	77½
Texas Intl Airlines 7½ 1993 ..	98	99
Toshiba 6½ 1992 ..	136¾	137¾
Tyco 8½ 1988 ..	104	105½
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	88	89½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	81½	83
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1988	75½	77
Xerox 5 1988 ..	75½	77

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Hall Engineering (Holdings) Limited

Interim Dividend on Ordinary Shares

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months ended 30th June, 1978, are as follows:

	First half 1978 £000's	First half 1977 £000's	Full year 1977 £000's
Turnover	38,371	35,523	69,312
Profit before taxation	2,250	1,800	4,409
Taxation	1,170	936	2,184
Profit after taxation	1,080	864	2,225
Preference dividend paid	32	32	64
Earnings per Ordinary Share:			
Basic	8.73p	6.93p	18.00p
Diluted	7.78p	6.25p	16.01p

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.4710p per Ordinary Share (1977—2.213p per share) at a cost of £297,000 (1977—£266.000). In addition, as a result of a reduction in the rate of Advance Corporation Tax affecting the final dividend in respect of 1977, there is being paid a special additional dividend of 0.0335p per share (1977—0.030p per share) at a cost of £4.000 (1977—£3,600). Both these dividends will be paid on 3rd November, 1978, to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 13th October, 1978.

During the first half of the year £2,622 of Loan Stock was converted into 1,930 Ordinary Shares of 50p each.

The results for the period have been achieved despite the adverse effects on profits of the labour dispute at our Shrewsbury works. The second half of the year is expected to show an improvement on the corresponding period for last year.

HALL ENGINEERING (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
Harlescott Lane, Shrewsbury SY1 3AS

The Rio Tinto - Zinc Corporation Limited

Report for the half-year ended 30 June 1978

The directors announce the unaudited results for the RTZ Group for the six months to 30 June 1978.

(£ millions)	First Half 1978	First Half 1977	Year 1977
Group sales revenue	972.5	890.4	1,823.3
Group operating profit	119.2	139.3	255.3
Share of profits of associated companies	14.0	13.5	27.8
Dividends and interest receivable	14.4	22.2	39.7
	147.6	175.0	322.8
Deduct: Interest payable	25.0	28.9	51.3
Group profit before tax	122.6	146.1	271.5
Deduct: Tax	56.2	72.1	130.1
Group profit after tax	66.4	74.0	141.4
Deduct: Attributable to outside shareholders	26.3	31.7	59.1
Net profit attributable to RTZ shareholders	£40.1m	£42.3m	£82.3m
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	15.90p	16.79p	32.68p
Dividends: Preference	0.2	0.2	0.4
Ordinary—Interim	8.4	8.4	8.4
—Final	—	—	14.5
	£8.6m	£8.6m	£23.3m
Declared per 25p ordinary share	3.50p	3.50p	9.50p
Gross equivalent to UK shareholders	5.22p	5.30p	14.26p

Notes:—

(1) The results of overseas operations have been translated from foreign currencies into sterling at the quoted rates of exchange as at 30 June 1978.

(2) The amount shown for the 1978 interim ordinary dividend is calculated in relation to the ordinary shares currently in issue and no amount is included for any issues of accumulating ordinary shares allotted to holders of accumulating ordinary shares in lieu of dividend. If all accumulating ordinary shares are converted to ordinary shares, the cost of the 1978 interim dividend will be £8.8 million.

(3) The results of certain overseas subsidiaries have been adjusted for differences in accounting practices. The effect has been to increase RTZ's net attributable profit for the first half of 1978 by £0.5 million compared with the amount derived from the published results of the subsidiaries concerned. The corresponding adjustments for the first half of 1977 and the year 1977 were a decrease of £2.0 million and an increase of £1.4 million respectively.

Group sales revenue

Sales for the first six months of 1978 were £972.5 million, an increase of £82.1 million over the same period of 1977. The increase resulted largely from the inclusion for the first time of sales from Rössing Uranium following the start of *commercial production at the beginning of 1978,* and from increased sales by RTZ Borax and RTZ Industries. The pound sterling was stronger at 30 June this year as against 1977 and the comparable value in sterling terms of sales of *overseas subsidiaries during the first half-year was* consequently lower.

CRA group sales for the first half of 1978 were approximately 3 per cent lower in sterling terms than in the first six months of 1977. This was mainly due to a decrease in sales by Hamersley as a result of reduced ore deliveries to Japan and lower realised prices. The lower prices were a consequence of the weakening of the US dollar in which sales contracts are priced. Sales from the lead and zinc operations of AM & S were broadly the same as in 1977 with volume increases offsetting lower prices.

Bougainville's sales were higher due to improved gold prices and volumes and an increase in copper sales tonnage. These factors more than offset the lower copper price. The average LME price for copper was £679 per tonne in the first six months of 1978 compared with £820 per tonne in the first half of 1977.

Rio Algom's sales revenue expressed in Canadian dollars for the current half-year was more than 10 per cent above 1977, but there was a small decrease in sterling terms due to the weakening of the Canadian dollar. This weakness resulted in higher realised uranium prices in local currency compared with 1977. Revenue in the corresponding period last year was boosted by retrospective price adjustments. Steel revenues were higher as a consequence of volume and price increases.

Lornex's copper revenues were below last year's due to the lower copper price.

Palabora's sales were only marginally lower than in the first half of 1977 mainly due to a 14 per cent increase in copper shipments which largely offset the decrease in the copper price.

Rössing Uranium's production in the first six months of 1978 was 1,640 short tons of uranium oxide. This was lower than planned due to a fire in May which destroyed one of the two solvent extraction units. Repairs are expected to be completed and the unit *back in production by the end of the year. The major* modification programme is proceeding on schedule.

RTZ Borax achieved an 11 per cent increase due mainly to higher sales of industrial borax products in all markets.

RTZ Industries' sales were approximately 7 per cent higher than in the first six months of 1977. Significantly higher sales by Pillar Aluminium and Pillar Engineering in the UK and by Indal's manufacturing operations in North America were *partly offset by lower US aluminium metal trading* sales.

Sales of oil from Argyll in the North Sea were lower than in the first half of 1977 as the field was closed in for repairs during most of the period.

Group profit before tax

Group profit before tax and before deducting amounts attributable to outside shareholders for the *first half of 1978 was £122.6 million, a reduction of* £23.5 million from the comparable period in 1977. There was a substantial fall in CRA's pre-tax earnings, due mainly to lower earnings from AM & S and Hamersley and the effect of the higher value of *the pound used to translate the Australian dollar* results into sterling. This reduction was partly offset by higher earnings from RTZ Borax due to high levels of production with a consequent decrease in operating costs—a situation which is unlikely to be repeated in the second half of the year. Elsewhere in the Group earnings before tax were broadly similar to those for the first half of 1977. Rossing Uranium made a small profit during the period.

Tax

The charge for tax was proportionately lower for the first half of 1978 compared with the same period in 1977 due mainly to favourable changes in the taxation basis in Canada which reduced substantially the tax charge on Rio Algom's profits.

Net profit

Net profit attributable to RTZ shareholders for the six months to 30 June 1978 was £40.1 million (15.90p per ordinary share), a decrease of £2.2 million (0.89p per ordinary share) compared with the first half of 1977.

Outlook

As in previous years movements in exchange rates are an important factor affecting results for any period, but assuming that the exchange rate for the pound sterling does not change greatly from its present level and without a further recovery in metal prices, net profit for the whole of 1978 is expected to be somewhat lower than that for 1977.

US anti-trust proceedings

The US Grand Jury investigation into the uranium industry, which started in June 1976, came to an end in May this year with no charges being brought against the company or any of its subsidiaries.

The civil anti-trust proceedings brought in the US by Westinghouse Electric Corporation and the Tennessee Valley Authority continue.

Dividends

The directors have declared a dividend of 1.6625p per share on the 3.325% 'A' cumulative preference shares of the company and a dividend of 1.75p per share on the 3.5% 'B' cumulative preference shares of the company both in respect of the half-year to *31 December 1978. These dividends will be paid on* 2 January 1979 to holders on the London and Melbourne registers as at close of business on 15 November 1978 and to holders of share warrants to bearer representing 3.5% 'B' cumulative preference shares on or after 2 January 1979 after presentation of coupon number 33.

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.50p *per share* in respect of the year to 31 December 1978 on the ordinary share capital of the company, compared with 3.50p per share in 1977.

The interim dividend on the ordinary shares will be paid on 2 January 1979 to holders on the London and Melbourne registers as at close of business on 15 November 1978 and to holders of share warrants to bearer on or after 2 January 1979 after presentation of coupon number 36. In the case of holders of ordinary shares and 'A' cumulative preference shares on the Melbourne register, payments of the foregoing dividends will be made in Australian currency at the rate of exchange ruling on 29 November 1978.

The dividends on the ordinary and preference shares will be paid *without deduction of income tax* and will carry a tax credit. This credit will be available principally to United Kingdom resident shareholders and also to shareholders resident in certain other countries under double taxation agreements. The interim ordinary dividend for *1978* after adding the tax credit will be equivalent to a gross dividend of 5.22p per share (compared with 5.30p per share for the interim dividend for 1977).

Accumulating ordinary shares

Holders of accumulating ordinary shares will receive on 2 January 1979 a further allotment of accumulating ordinary shares, credited as fully paid, on the basis of 0.013638 of a new share for every share held at the close of business on 15 November 1978. Fractions of less than one half of a share will be eliminated and fractions of one half of a share or more will be rounded up to one whole share.

Holders of accumulating ordinary shares will also receive a dividend of 0.1p per share.

By order of the Board D. A. Streatfeild, Secretary

Printed copies of the report are available on request from the company's transfer office, 1 Redcliff Street, Bristol BS1 6NT.

6 St. James's Square
London SW1 4LD.
20 September 1978.

RTZ

DELTA

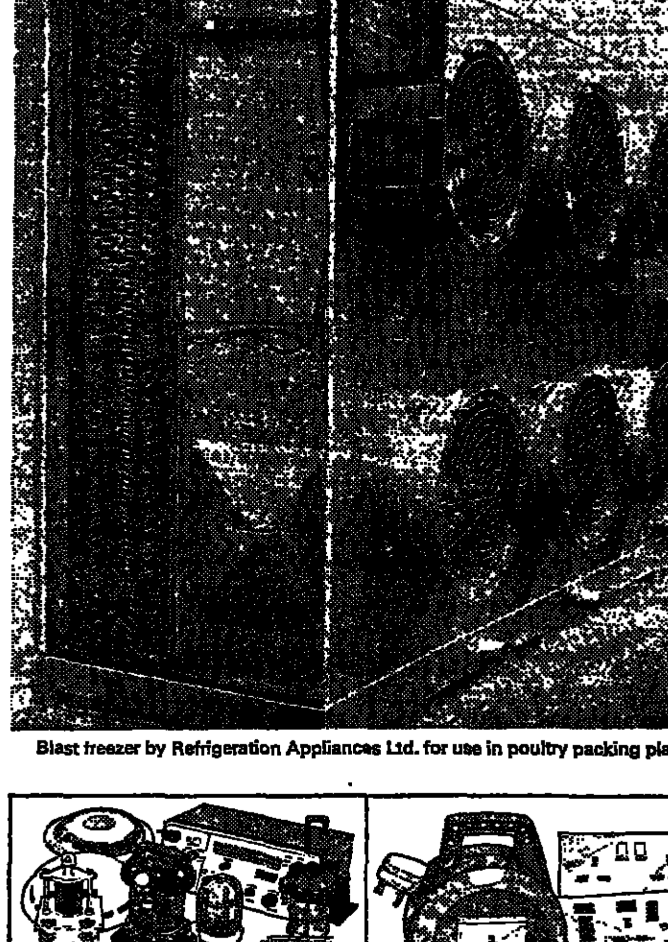
Interim Results

Unaudited pre-tax profits at £14.7 million 10% up on corresponding period last year.

U.K. pre-interest profits were up by £1.5m. Small increases in the U.K. demand for most products contributed to these results but the export market was more difficult than last year. Overseas pre-interest profits fell by £1.0m due to worse results in Brazil and in Europe, and to currency movements. But overall results were helped by lower interest charges.

If we can avoid interruptions to production I anticipate that the profits for the second half of 1978 will compare favourably with those in 1977 and that overall 1978 profits will be higher than in 1977.

Lord Caldecote—Chairman



Blast freezer by Refrigeration Appliances Ltd. for use in poultry packing plant.

GROUP PROFIT SUMMARY

	Half year to 1.7.78	Half year to 2.7.77	Year to 31.12.77
Sales	£258.13m	£252.53m	£469.13m
Profit before Tax	£14.72m	£13.41m	£26.70m
Attributable Profit	£6.14m	£5.94m	£11.36m
Earnings per Share	4.3p	4.4p	8.2p
Dividend per Share	1.820p	1.820p	5.0183p

Copies of the full interim report and Lord Caldecote's statement to Shareholders are available from the Secretary, The Delta Metal Company Limited, 1 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6XF.

Marine fittings and accessories from the Delmar and PMB ranges.

Nettle and Memstyle electrical accessories.

Valves and fittings from the Sperryn range of gas controls.

Conex compression and Delcop capillary fittings and Bolivar pipe clips.

THE DELTA GROUP

A major international group manufacturing building products, electrical equipment, engineering components & non-ferrous metals.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays Bank	10%
BCCI Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000 7¾%.

MINERALS AND RESOURCES CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda)

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER PAYMENT OF COUPON NO. 86

With reference to the notice of declaration of dividend advertised in the press on 15th September, 1978, the following information is published for the guidance of holders of share warrants to bearer. The dividend of 8 cents was declared in United States currency. The dividend on bearer shares will be paid on or after 3rd November, 1978, against surrender of coupon No. 86 detached from share warrants to bearer as under:

(a) at the office of the corporation's continental paying agent:
Credit du Nord,
6 & 8 Boulevard Haussmann,
Paris 75009

(b) at the London Bearer Reception Office of Charter Consolidated Limited, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1P 1AJ. Unless persons depositing coupons at such office request payment in U.S. dollars (in which case they must comply with any applicable Exchange Control regulations), payment will be made *in United Kingdom currency* either:
(i) in respect of coupons lodged prior to 20th October, 1978, at the United Kingdom Currency equivalent of the United States currency value of their dividend on 24th October, 1978, or:
(ii) in respect of coupons lodged during the period 20th October, 1978, to 25th October, 1978, both days inclusive at the United Kingdom currency equivalent of the United States currency value of their dividend on 30th October, 1978, or:
(iii) in respect of coupons lodged on or after 26th October, 1978, at the then prevailing rate of exchange on the day the proceeds are remitted to the London Bearer Reception Office.

Coupons must be left for at least four clear days (eight days if payment in United States currency has been requested) for examination and may be presented any weekday (Saturday excepted) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

United Kingdom income tax will be deducted from coupons paid in the United Kingdom at the London Bearer Reception Office, unless such coupons are accompanied by declarations to the contrary in accordance with Inland Revenue requirements. Where such deduction is made, the net amount of the dividend will be 5.36 cents (U.S.) per share as follows:

	United States Currency Per Share cents
Amount of dividend declared	8.00
Less: U.K. Income tax at 33% on the gross amount of the dividend of 8 cents	2.64
	5.36

In the case of payments made in U.K. currency the sterling equivalent of the net dividend will be calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above.

For and on behalf of
ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED
London Secretaries
J. C. Greensmith

London Office:
40 Holborn Viaduct,
EC1P 1AJ.
21st September, 1978

MARKET REPORTS

COPPER was barely steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £729-730 a metric ton; three months, £748.50-49.00. Sales, 8,100. Cash cathodes, £718.50-19.50; three months, £738-739. Sales 200 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars £732-32.50; three months, £751-51.50. Settlement, £732.50. Sales, 13,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £721-31.50; three months, £740-40.50. Settlement, £721.50. Sales, 7,200 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 286.1p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 567.8); three months 293.1p (577.9c); six months, 300.69 (589.6c); one year 316.0 (612.4c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash 286.4-86.6p; three months, 293.6-93.7p. Sales, 28 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 286.1-86.3p; three months, 293.2-93.3. Settlement, 286.3p. Sales, 108 lots.

TIN was easier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash £7,090-7,100 a metric ton; three months £6,940-50. Sales, 500 tons. High grade cash, £7,090-7,100; three months £6,950-70. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,150-60; three months, £6,965-70. Settlement, £7,160. Sales, 695 tons. High grade, cash, £7,150-60; three months, £6,970-90. Settlement, £7,160. Sales, 5 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,890 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash £359.75-60.00 per metric ton; three months £365-65.50. Sales, 2,000 tons. Morning.—Cash, £360.50-61.00; three months £365.75-66.00; Settlement £361. Sales, 9,700 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £322-22.50 a metric ton; three months, £332-32.50. Sales: 400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £323.25-23.50; three months, £333.25-33.50. Settlement: £323.50. *Sales: 1,500 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.*

PLATINUM was at £136.90 ($271.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was easier (pence per kilo).—Oct, 60-60.50; Nov, 60.50-60.90; Oct-Dec, 60.25-60.70; Jan-March, 63.10-63.20; April-June, 65.50-65.60; July-Sept, 67.45-67.50; Oct-Dec, 69.30-69.40; Jan-March, 71.05-71.15; April-June, 72.95-73.00. Sales: 498 lots at 15 tonnes.

Commodities

RUBBER PHYSICALS were inactive.—Spot, 60-61. Cifs, Oct, 59.75-60.50; Nov, 60.75-61.50.

COFFEE: Robustas were steady; arabicas were dull.—

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 1,585-90; Nov, 1,496-97; Jan, 1,407-09; March, 1,320-21; May, 1,273-75; July, 1,244-45; Sept, 1,215-35. Sales: 1,963 lots including 17 options.

ARABICAS: All positions unquoted.

COCOA was barely steady (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 1,975-77; Dec, 1,990-91; March, 1,996-2,000; May, 2,005-2,003.50; July, 1,978-80; Sept, 1,950.50-60.00; Dec, 1,900-1,905. Sales: 3,792 lots including 16 options. ICCO prices: daily, 173.06c; 15-day average, 168.66c; 22-day average, 163.11 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £2 lower at £100; the "whites" price was £3 lower at £107. Futures were steady (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 103.40-03.45; Dec, 104.90-04.95; March, 110-10.05; May, 112.40-12.60; Aug, 116-16.05; Oct, 118.50-19.00; Dec, 122.85-22.90. Sales: 3,260 lots. ISA prices: 8.17c; 15-day average 7.97.

SOYABEAN MEAL is easier (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 112.20-14.00; Dec, 115-15.10; Feb, 116.80-17.00; April, 117.50-18.50; June, 118-19.30; Aug, 118.60-21.50; Oct, 118.50-22.50. Sales: 82 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures (pence per kilo).—Australian (quiet): Oct, 220-25; Dec, 228-31; March 236-40; May, 238-41; July, 239-43; Oct, 238-41; Dec, 239-43; March, 242-47. Sales: nil. New Zealand Crossbreds Dec, 185.5-86.5; March, 186-87.5; May, 188-89.5; July, 187-91; Oct, 189-92; Dec, 189-93; March, 190-94. Sales: 5 lots.

JUTE was steady. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept-Oct, $499 per long ton. "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $483.

GRAIN (The Baltic). — **WHEAT.** — Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Sept, £91.25 Tilbury seller. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept-Oct, £82.25; Nov, £83.25; Dec, £85 trans-shipment east coast sellers. US hard winter 13½ per cent: Oct, £82.50; Nov, £83.50 trans-shipment east coast seller. EEC milling: Sept, £97.50; Oct, £98.50 quoted east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Sept, £101; Oct, £101.50; Nov-Dec, £100 trans-shipment east coast sellers. South African white: Sept-Oct, £61 Glasgow seller. South African yellow: Sept-Oct, £61. Glasgow seller.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady: Sept, £78.40; Nov, £79.95; Jan, £82.75; March, £85.15; May, £87.60. Sales:—280 lots.

WHEAT was barely steady: Sept, £85.40; Nov, £87.15; Jan, £89.85; March, £92.50; May, £94.90. Sales: 166 lots.

Home Grown Cereals Authority:—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
N. Lincs	£85.30	£80.70	£80.90
Hants, W Sussex	—	£79.60	£75.90

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 21.—GB: Cattle 67.70p per kg lw (−0.61). UK: Sheep 136.4p per kg est dcw (−3.1). GB: Pigs 66.5p per kg lw (−0.4). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 10.8 per cent, average price 67.49p (−0.88). Sheep numbers down 4.3 per cent, average price 137.8p (−2.3). Pig numbers up 5.9 per cent, average price 66.5p (−0.4). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 42.9 per cent, average price 68.62p (+0.45). Sheep numbers up 11.9 per cent, average price 130.0p (−5.5).

Wall Street

New York, Sept 21.—Stocks on the New York Stock Exchange closed mixed with bargain hunting propping up some blue chip and glamour issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 3.98 points to 861.14, with about 890 issues declining and some 610 issues higher.

Volume totalled 33,740,000 shares compared with 35,080,000 shares Wednesday.

The industrial index slumped a total of 49.28 points in the previous six sessions, leading to some shopping in depressed issues.

Brokers added that investors were generally put off by rising interest rates

Coffee dips 3.25c

New York, Sept 21.—**COFFEE** futures in "C" contract closed 2.81 to 3.25 cents down on an estimated 850 sales. Spot Sept, which expires tomorrow, dropped 3.75 cents to 154.63 cents a lb. Traders said the market remained quiet. Many of the trade people left yesterday to attend the Green Coffee Association convention in Bermuda. Sept, 154.50-75c; Dec, 145.25-60c; March, 134.75-5.00c; May, 128.50c; July, 123.80-4.50c; Sept 121.50-3.50c; Dec, 119.10-11c.

COCOA futures closed 1.45c to 0.90c up. Dec, 171.25c; March 170.00c; May, 168.10c; July, 166.05c; Sept, 163.60c; Dec, 159.65c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Oct, 8.14-16c; Jan, 8.60-70c; March, 8.75-77c; May, 8.94c; July, 9.15-16c; Sept, 9.36c; Oct, 9.44-46c; Jan, 9.50-60c.

COTTON futures were: Oct, 61.70-75c; Dec, 64.05-10c; March, 66.35c; May, 67.30c; July, 67.50c; Oct, 65.20c; Dec, 65.35c; March, 65.90c bid.

SILVER futures closed 0.40c to 0.70c down. Sept, 566.00c; Oct, 566.70c; Nov, 570.70c; Dec, 574.70c; Jan, 578.70c; March, 587.30c; May, 596.00c; July, 605.00c; Sept, 614.20c; Dec, 628.30c; Jan, 633.00c; March, 642.70c; May, 652.40c; July, 662.20c. Handy and Harman $5.660 (previous $5.620). Handy and Harman of Canada Can$6.620 (previous Can$6.580).

GOLD. Near the close of New York trading, the spot gold price for London delivery climbed to $216-216.50 from $215-215.50 Wednesday.

NY COMEX. Sept, $216.40; Oct, $216.60; Nov, $218.30; Dec, $220.10; Feb, $223.70; April, $227.30; June, $230.90; Aug, $234.50; Oct, $238.20; Dec, $241.90; Feb, $245.60; April, $249.30; June, $253.00.

CHICAGO IMM. Sept, $217.20; Dec, $220.40-220.10; March, $226.90-225.40; June, $231.30; Sept, $236.50; *Dec, $242.20; March, $247.00; June, $251.60.*

COPPER futures closed barely steady between 35 and 60 points down.—Sept, 65.10c; Oct, 65.10c; Nov, 65.70c; Dec, 66.30c; Jan, 66.80c; March, 67.75c; May, 68.65c; July, 69.50c; Sept, 70.30c; Dec, 71.40c; Jan, 71.75c; March, 72.45c; May, 73.10c; July, 73.75c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Oil futures closed limit down in the four nearest months and 0.90 to 0.73 cents a lb lower in the others. Meal futures fared somewhat better with losses of $6.80 to 6.10 a ton. **SOYABEANS.** Nov, 653-51¾c; Jan, 660¾-59½c; March, 668¾-69c; May, 672¼-72c; July, 673-73½c; Aug, 666c. **SOYABEAN OIL.** Oct, 26.26c asked; Dec, 25.35-35c; Jan, 24.90c; March, 24.55c; May, 24.25-20c; July 23.90-24.00c; Aug, 23.60-65c. **SOYABEAN MEAL**: Oct, $169.40-9.50; Dec, $173.20-2.00; Jan, $173.50-3.40; March, $175.80-5.70; May, $176.00-6.80; July, $177.50-8.00; Aug, $177.50-7.80.

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT. Dec, 334¼-35¼c; March, 331¼-31c; May, 327¼-27c; July, 318½c; Sept, 321½c nominal. **CORN.** Dec, 220¼-20c; March, 229¼c; May, 235¼-¼c; July, 239c; Sept, 240¼c; Dec, 244c; **OATS.** Dec, 142¾-45c; March, 149¼c asked; May, 151¾-52c; July, 152 c nominal.

	Sept 21	Sept 20
Allied Chem	35¾	36
Allied Stores	25¾	25¾
Allied Supermkt	2½	2½
Allis Chalmers	34¼	33¾
Alcoa	45¾	44¾
Amax Inc	48	48½
Amerada Hess	29¾	29¾
Am Airlines	16	16
Am Brands	50¾	50
Am Broadcast	37¼	36¾
Am Can	39	39¼
Am Cyanamid	29	28¾
Am Elec Power	23	22¾
Am Home	29¾	29½
Am Motors	6	6¼
Am Nat Res	44¾	44¾
Am Standard	46½	46½
Am Telephone	60¾	60¾
AMF Inc	19	18¾
Armco Steel	20¾	20¾
Asarco	15¼	15
Ashland Oil	44	44¾
Atlntic Richfield	51¾	51¾
Avco	28¾	29¾
Avon Products	56¾	56¾
Babcock & Wcox	59¾	59¾
Bankers Tst NY	36⅞	37½
Bank of America	28½	28¾
Bank of NY	39½	37
Beatrice Foods	26¾	26⅞
Bell & Howell	20¾	21
Bendix	38¾	38¾
Bethlehem Steel	23½	23¾
Boeing	65¾	62½
Boise Cascade	30¾	30¾
Borden	25¾	25¾
Borg Warner	31¾	31¾
Bristol Myers	34¾	34¾
BP	18¾	18
Burlington Ind	20	20¾
Burlington Nthn	42¾	42½
Burroughs	79¾	77¾
Campbell Soup	36	36¾
Canadian Pacific	19¼	19½
Caterpillar	59¾	59¾
Celanese	43½	43½
Central Soya	14¾	14¾
Charter NY	32½	32
Chase Manhat	33	33½
Chem Bank NY	41	41
Chesapeake Ohio	30	30¾
Chrysler	12	11¾
Citicorp	26¾	26¾
Cities Service	53¾	53¾
Clark Equip	36¾	37¾
Coca Cola	44½	43¾
Colgate	20¾	20¾
CBS	57¼	57¾
Columbia Gas	28	28
Combustion Eng	38¾	39½
Comwlth Edison	26½	26¾
Cons Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Foods	24½	24¾
Cons Power	23¾	23¾
Continental Grp	31½	31¾
Continental Oil	28¾	28¾
Control Data	37⅞	36¾
Corning Glass	58¾	58¾
CPC Intnl	51¾	51½
Crane	32	32¾
Crocker Int	28½	28¾
Crown Zeller	32¾	33
Dart Ind	45½	45¾
Deere	35	35¾
Del Monte	38	38
Delta Air	47¾	48
Detroit Edison	15¾	16
Disney	40¾	41
Dow Chemical	27¾	28
Dresser Ind	43¾	43¾
Duke Power	20¾	20¾
Du Pont	122	120
Eastern Air	13	13
Eastman Kodak	62½	62½
Eaton Corp	39¾	39¾
El Paso Nat Gas	16½	16¾
Equitable Life	20¾	20¾
Esmark	26½	27
Evans P. D.	21	19¾
Exxon Corp	50¾	49½
Fed Dept Stores	35½	36½
Firestone	13¾	13½
Fst Chicago	22¾	23¾
Fst Nat Boston	30¾	30¾
Fst Penn Corp	16	16
Ford	44¾	44¾
GAF Corp	13¾	13
Gamble Skogmo	33¾	33¾
Gen Dynamics	82	82¾
Gen Electric	52¾	52¾
Gen Foods	32¾	33¾
Gen Mills	30¾	30¾
Gen Motors	62¾	62¾
Gen Pub Util NY	18¾	18¾
Gen Tel Elec	30¾	30
Gen Tire	28¾	28¾
Genesco	5¾	5½
Georgia Pacific	29¾	29¾
Getty Oil	39¾	39¾
Gillette	31¾	31¾
Goodrich	20¾	19¾
Goodyear	17¾	17¾
Gould Inc	30¾	30¾
Grace	28½	28¾
Gt Atltc & Pacific	7½	7½
Greyhound	13½	13½
Grumman Corp	19¾	19½
Gulf Oil	26	25¾
Gulf & West	14	14¾
Heinz H. J.	42	41
Hercules	16¾	16¾
Honeywell	65¾	65¾
IC Inds	28	28¾
Ingersoll	59¾	60¾
Inland Steel	37¾	36⅞
IBM	284¼	284¾
Int Harvester	40¾	41½
INCO	16¾	16½
Int Paper	44	44½
Int Tel Tel	31¾	31¾
Jewel Co	23½	24
Jim Walter	32½	32¾
Johns-Manville	31½	31¾
Johnson & John	82½	83¾
Kaiser Alumin	34¾	35
Kennecott	27¾	26¾
Kerr McGee	47¾	48¾
Kimberly Clark	45	46¾
Kraftco Corp	48¾	48¾
K Mart	26¾	26¾
Kroger	31¾	31¾
Ligget Group	34¾	33¾
L.T.V. Corp	9¾	10
Litton	23	23¾
Lockheed	28¾	28¾
Lucky Stores	16¾	16
Manuf Hanover	38¾	38¾
Mapco	34¾	34¾
Marathon Oil	49¾	50¾
Marine Midland	15¾	15¾
Martin Marietta	33¾	34
McDonnell	31¾	32
Mead	31	31½
Memorex	50¾	51
Merck	60¾	61¾
Minnesota Mng	60¾	59½
Mobil Oil	68¾	69
Monsanto	57½	57¾
Morgan J. P.	47½	48
Motorola	46	46
NCR Corp	61¾	62½
NL Industries	21¾	21¾
Nabisco	26¾	26¾
Nat Distillers	21¾	21½
Nat Steel	31	30¾
Norfolk West	26¾	26¾
NW Bancorp	27½	26¾
Norton Simon	18½	18½
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ogden	30½	30
Olin Corp	14¾	15
Owens-Illinois	22½	22½
Pacific Gas Elec	23¾	23¾
Pan Am	8½	8½
Penney J. C.	37½	37¾
Pennzoil	31¾	30¾
Pepsico	26	26¾
Pet Inc	54¾	54¾
Pfizer	35¾	34¾
Phelps Dodge	24½	24½
Philip Morris	72¾	70½
Phillips Petrol	33¾	34¾
Polaroid	49¾	48½
PPG Ind	29	29
Proctor Gamble	87½	87½
Pub Ser El & Gas	23¾	23¾
Pullman	44	44¾
Rapid American	15½	15½
Raytheon	48	48½
RCA Corp	28¾	28¾
Republic Steel	25	25¾
Reynolds Ind	61½	61¾
Reynolds Metal	35¾	35¾
Rockwell Int	35¾	34¾
Royal Dutch	63	62¾
Safeways	43¾	43
St Regis Paper	31¾	31½
Santa Fe Ind	35¾	35¾
SCM	20½	20¾
Schlumberger	86	85¾
Scott Paper	16¼	15¾
Seaboard Coast	33	33½
Seagram	25½	25¾
Sears Roebuck	23	22¾
Shell Oil	34¾	34½
Shell Trans	46¾	46
Signal Co	52½	52¾
Singer	18	17½
Sony	7½	8
Sth Cal Edison	26¾	26½
Southern Pacific	31¾	31½
Southern Rly	53½	54
Sperry Rand	45½	45¾
Std Brands	28¾	28¾
Std Oil Califnia	45½	45¾
Std Oil Indiana	53	53¾
Std Oil Ohio	38½	38
Sterling Drug	18¾	17
Stevens J. P.	16¾	16½
Stude Worth	62¾	62
Sunbeam Corp	21½	21¾
Sun Comp	44¾	44¾
Teledyne	99¾	101½
Tenneco	31¾	31¾
Texaco	24¾	24¾
Texas East Corp	37¾	38
Texas Inst	85	86
Texas Utilities	20¾	20¾
Textron	30½	31
TWA	25½	25¾
Travelers Corp	36¾	37¾
TRW Inc	37½	37½
UAL Inc	37½	37½
Unilever Ltd	46	46
Unilever NV	59¾	59¾
Union Bancorp	28¾	28
Union Carbide	39¾	38½
Union Oil Calif	52¾	53½
Un Pacific Corp	51¾	52¾
Uniroyal	7½	7½
United Brands	12	11¾
US Industries	8¾	8¾
US Steel	26¾	26¾
Utd Technol	44	43
Wachovia	18¾	18¾
Warner Comm	49¾	48¾
Warner Lambert	27¾	27¾
Wells Fargo	29¾	29¾
West'n Bancorp	41¾	42
Westnghse Elec	21¾	21¾
Weyerhauser	29¾	29¾
Whirlpool	23	23
White Motor	12½	13¾
Woolworth	20¾	20¾
Xerox Corp	55¾	54
Zenith	16¾	16¾

Canadian Prices

	Sept 21	Sept 20
Abitibi	17	17¾
Alcan Alumin	38¾	39¾
Algoma Steel	23¾	23¾
Bell Telephone	61	61
Cominco	30¾	30¾
Cons Bathurst	34¾	34¾
Falconbridge	29	29½
Gulf Oil	32½	32½
Hawker/Sid Can	8.75	8.75
Hudson Bay Min	20¾	20¾
Hudson Bay Oil	42¾	42¾
Imasco	36¾	36¾
Imperial Oil	22¾	22¾
Int Pipe	17¾	17
Mass.-Fergsn	12¾	12¾
Royal Trust	19½	19½
Seagram	29½	29¾
Steel Co	26½	26¾
Talcorp	11	11
Thomson N 'A'	14½	14½
Walker Hiram	36¾	36¾
WCT	12	12¾

•Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9805 (1.9815); three months, 1.9668 (1.9685); Canadian dollar, 85.48 (85.44).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 378.77. The futures index was 36.57.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 861.14 (857.16); transportation, 242.01 (243.13); utilities, 105.99 (105.85); 65 stocks, 298.78 (298.35).

New York Stock Exchange index, 57.36 (57.32); industrials, 62.73 (62.67); transportation, 48.30 (48.32); utilities, 39.60 (39.54); financial, 62.08 (62.16).

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
71	29	Airsprung Ord	71	—	5.5	7.7	9.3
203	106	Airsprung 18½% ULS	195	—	18.5	9.4	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	44	+1	3.6	8.1	8.0
180	105	Bardon Hill	180	—	12.0	6.7	9.8
143	51	Deborah Ord	142	−1	5.6	3.9	8.8
240	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	240	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	130	—	12.4	9.5	5.1
153	135	George Blair	153	—	15.0	9.8	5.7
58	36	Jackson Group	55	—	5.0	9.0	6.5
116	55	James Burrough	115	—	6.5	5.7	10.6
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	29.7	9.6	5.1
24	9	Twinlock Ord	20½	—	—	—	18.3
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—	12.0	15.3	—
83	54	Unilock Holdings	83	—	7.4	8.9	8.9
120	67	Walter Alexander	120	—	7.2	6.0	7.4

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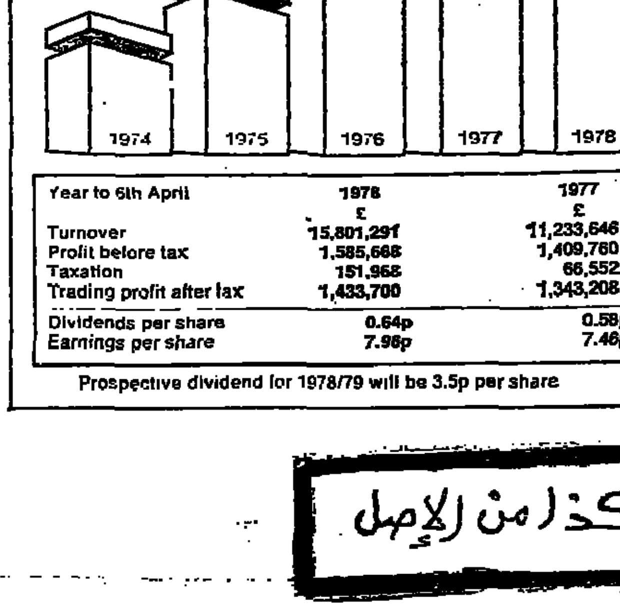

Year to 6th April	1978 £	1977 £
Turnover	15,801,291	11,233,646
Profit before tax	1,585,668	1,409,760
Taxation	151,968	66,552
Trading profit after tax	1,433,700	1,343,208
Dividends per share	0.64p	0.58p
Earnings per share	7.96p	7.46p

Prospective dividend for 1978/79 will be 3.5p per share

Foreign Exchange

The hostile response of Arab nations to the Camp David agreement joined with continuing concern about the United States economic outlook to drive the dollar still lower on foreign exchanges yesterday. However, dollar closing levels were above the *worst after some profit-taking.*

Sterling came within half-a-cent of the $2 level in early deals, but finally sank back to $1.9810 for a net gain of 20 points. Some dealers thought sentiment in the pound could have been affected by the possibility of a lengthy dispute at Ford's over the big pay claim.

However, the Swiss National Bank reportedly *stepped in* to try to slow the dollar's decline at one time.

Sterling's effective exchange rate index was finally down 0.1 at 63.1.

German marks rose from 1.9615 to 1.9520 against the dollar, while Swiss francs climbed from 1.5375 to 1.5170. French francs dipped from 4.3685 to 4.3725. The yen rose from 188.70 to 187.80. Gold rose $2 an ounce to close in London at $215.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 21	Market rates (close) September 21
New York	$1.9800-9960	$1.9805-9815
Montreal	$2.3130-3330	$2.3145-3155
Amsterdam	4.19½-23½fl	4.19¾-20¾fl
Brussels	60.85-61.30f	60.90-61.00f
Copenhagen	10.67½-71½k	10.68-69k
Frankfurt	3.86-89½m	3.86½-87½m
Lisbon	89.25-90.25e	89.30-70e
Madrid	144.55-145.55p	144.70-80p
Milan	1631½-40½lr	1632-33lr
Oslo	10.22½-29k	10.23¾-24¾k
Paris	8.64-68f	8.65½-66½f
Stockholm	8.70½-75k	8.71¾-72¾k
Tokyo	370-78y	371½-73½y
Vienna	27.90-28.10sch	27.95-28.00sch
Zurich	3.00-03½f	3.00¾-01¾f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971 was down 0.1 at 63.1.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.55-.45c prem	1.40-1.30c prem
Montreal	.60-.50c prem	1.60-1.50c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	6-5c prem
Brussels	15-05c prem	52-42c prem
Copenhagen	3-4ore disc	4-6ore disc
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	8¼-7¼pf prem
Lisbon	50-150c disc	200-430c disc
Madrid	par-100c disc	150-250c disc
Milan	½-2½lr disc	½-8lr disc
Oslo	3-1ore prem	4¼-2¾ore prem
Paris	3¼-2¼c prem	7-6c prem
Stockholm	3¼-1¾ore prem	8½-6½ore prem
Vienna	17-7gro prem	40-30gro prem
Zurich	3¼-2¾c prem	9-8c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8534-57.

Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 9¼-8¾; seven days, 8¾-8¾, one month, 8¾-9¼, three months, 9¼-9⅝, six months, 9⁷⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $215.90 (an ounce); pm, $215.85.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $221½-223½ (£111¼-£112¾); resident, $223¾-225¼ (£112¾-113¾).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $57½-59½ (£29-30); resident, $61¼-63¼ (£31¼-32¼).

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Total of 5.78m ordinary shares (91.4 per cent) provisionally allotted in rights issue taken up and balance of 545,319 sold in market at net price in excess of subscription price.

Discount market

Shortage of funds in the discount market yesterday prompted the authorities to provide assistance on a very large scale. The Bank of England bought a very large amount of Treasury bills and topped up with a small quantity of local authority bills. This help looked about right at the time, but money was still tight at the finish, so bank balances may be carried overnight at rather run-down levels.

During the day, though the clearing banks had mainly flat positions, the houses encountered calling from other directions. They opened their bids in the 8¾ to 8⅞ per cent area, but found little lending response there. Most took the bulk of their money around 8⅞ per cent or 9 per cent, though some were paying up to a point above that level before the day was out, books being finally ruled off with a band of 9 per cent to 10 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 8/6/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 9¾ Low 8¾
Week Fixed: 8¾-9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8²⁷⁄₃₂	2 months	8²⁵⁄₃₂
3 months	8⅞	3 months	8¹³⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅛-9¹⁄₃₂	3 months	9½
3 months	9⅝-9¾	4 months	9¾
4 months	9⁷⁄₃₂-9⅝	6 months	9⅞
6 months	9⅞-9⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9¼-9¾	7 months	9¾-9¾
2 months	9¼-9¾	8 months	9¾-9¾
3 months	9¾-9¾	9 months	9¾-9¾
4 months	9¾-9¾	10 months	9¾-9¾
5 months	9¾-9¾	11 months	9¾-9¾
6 months	9¾-9¾	12 months	10-9¾

Secondary Mkt. (CD Rates%)

1 month	9⁵⁄₁₆-9	6 months	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆
3 months	9⁵⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆	12 months	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9-9¼	3 months	9¾
7 days	9¼	6 months	9¾
1 month	9-9¼	1 year	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¾

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 5½ Close 10

1 week	9-8¾	6 months	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆
1 month	9¼-9	9 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	9⁵⁄₁₆-9¼	12 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¹³⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9¾ 6 months 9¾

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Audiotronic 12½% Cum Pfd (10)	14-½
Bramall C D 25p Ord (75)	92
Camden 12½% Red 1985 (£100d)	£51½
Cartiers Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	84-1
Dufay 10¼% Cnv	7 prem-2½
Exch 12% 1999-02 (£96)	£96¾
Hunting Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	90
Jones (Ernest) 10p Ord (115)	164+2
Thames Plywood 25p Ord (34)	36

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
B.T.R. (285)	Oct 27	35f
Barlow Rand (R.90c)	Oct 13	28 prem
Brit Print (44)	Nov 10	11 prem
C T Des Petroles (1110)	..	20 prem
Dalgety (265)	..	41 prem+1
Durada (65)	Oct 13	77f
Hill and Smith (75)	Oct 13	6 prem+1
Howden Gp (64)	..	23+2
Initial Services (74)	Oct 27	92f
Ldn and Midland (65)	Oct 27	18 prem
Ratners (40)	..	37 prem+1
Reliance Knit (42)	..	4 prem
Ricardo Eng (200)	Nov 3	114 prem+1
Wearwell (25)	Nov 6	12

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ½ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £55 paid.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Insurance Bonds and Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Stock Exchange Prices

Second line stocks active

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 18. Dealings End, Sept 29. § Contango Day, Oct 2. Settlement Day, Oct 10.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
85¼	Treas 11½pc 1978	101¼	-⅛	11.344	8.334
94⅝	Treas 3½ 1979	96⅞	..	3.111	6.823
85½	Elec 4½pc 1974-79	97¼	..	4.370	7.141
92⅝	Treas 10½pc 1979	100⅛	-⅛	10.418	9.842
84⅞	Elec 3½pc 1976-79	95¾	..	3.655	7.429
87⅝	Treas Cnv 9½ 1980	98⅝	-⅛	9.087	9.831
85¼	Treas 9½pc 1980	98¾	..	9.608	10.250
73¼	Treas 3½pc 1977-80	93½	..	3.730	7.350
83⅝	Fund 9½pc 1978-80	94¼	..	9.569	8.918
98⅜	Exch 12½pc 1980	103⅝	-⅛	12.523	10.928
92⅞	Treas 11½pc 1981	100⅝	..	11.407	11.049
77½	Treas 3½pc 1979-81	88⅝	..	3.980	5.304
86¼	Treas 9½pc 1981	96⅛	-⅛	10.058	12.189
81⅛	Exch 9¼pc 1981	93½	-⅛	8.818	11.040
94⅜	Exch 9¾pc 1981	99¼	..	9.834	11.326
85⅞	Exch 9½pc 1981	96⅛	-⅛	9.475	8.408
96¼	Exch 13½pc 1981	103⅛	..	12.336	11.390
83¼	Treas 8½pc 1980-82	93¾	-⅛	9.122	10.990
73⅜	Treas 3½ 1982	84⅛	..	3.532	8.168
101¼	Treas 14½pc 1982	117⅜	..	13.831	11.364
88½	Treas 9½pc 1982	91⅞	..	9.022	11.078
91⅛	Exch 9¼pc 1982	92¾	..	9.883	11.595
88½	Exch 9¼pc 1983	90⅜	-⅛	9.827	11.489
79⅜	Exch 3½ 1983	81⅝	..	3.683	7.931
95¾	Treas 12½pc 1983	101⅛	..	11.881	11.519
88⅝	Treas 9¼pc 1983	91⅛	..	10.116	11.614
93	Exch 10½pc 1983	95¼	-⅛	10.743	11.612
79⅞	Fund 5½pc 1982-84	83⅜	-⅛	6.653	9.753
77½	Treas 8¾pc 1984-86	89¾	-⅛	9.705	10.902
81	Fund 9¾pc 1985-87	86½	-⅛	8.305	10.382
69⅜	Treas 7¾pc 1985-88	82¾	-⅛	9.259	11.037
65¾	Treas 7¾pc 1978-88	64¾	-⅛	4.664	8.484
54¼	Treas 5½pc 1986-89	66½	-⅛	7.530	10.152
90¼	Treas 13¾pc 1990	107	-⅛	12.459	12.249
67¼	Treas 8¾pc 1987-90	83¾	-⅛	10.336	11.411
90¾	Treas 11¾pc 1991	98⅝	..	12.221	12.334
34	Fund 3½pc 1987-91	55¾	-⅛	6.278	9.384
85¾	Treas 12¾pc 1992	103⅞	-⅛	12.848	12.489
86¾	Treas 10½pc 1992	88⅝	-⅛	11.640	12.143
88¾	Exch 12¾pc 1992	98⅝	-⅛	12.428	12.461
94¾	Treas 12¾pc 1993	102¾	-⅛	12.535	12.520
51¼	Fund 6½ 1993	62⅝	-⅛	5.825	11.252
96	Treas 13¾pc 1993	111⅜	-⅛	12.659	12.695
98	Treas 14¾pc 1994	113	-⅛	13.242	12.703
77	Treas 8¾pc 1994	89¾	-⅛	10.116	12.284
94¾	Exch 12¾pc 1994	108¾	-⅛	12.583	12.534
89¾	Treas 11¾pc 1995	102⅝	-⅛	11.390	11.952
83	Treas 9½pc 1995	96¾	-⅛	12.457	12.320
32¾	Gas 3¾pc 1990-95	46½	..	6.624	9.584
82¾	Exch 10¾pc 1995	97⅞	-⅛	11.985	12.302
87¾	Treas 12¾pc 1995	105⅝	-⅛	12.610	12.578
87	Treas 9½pc 1992-96	78½	-⅛	11.520	12.257
101¼	Treas 15¼pc 1996	128⅛	-⅛	13.125	12.886
88¼	Exch 13¾pc 1996	109	-⅛	12.718	12.567
33	Bdmpts 2½pc 1996-98	44½	..	6.791	9.853
97¾	Treas 12¾pc 1997	106½	-⅛	12.122	12.048
89¾	Exch 10¾pc 1997	87¼	-⅛	12.175	12.106
86¼	Treas 8¾pc 1997	76	..	11.500	12.077
51	Treas 5¾pc 1995-98	64⅜	-⅛	10.548	11.511
103¾	Treas 15¾pc 1998	118½	-⅛	13.956	12.974
93¾	Exch 12¾pc 1998	104¾	-⅛	12.524	12.579
86¾	Treas 9½pc 1998	81¼	-⅛	11.885	12.187
83¼	Treas 10¾pc 1999	89½	-⅛	12.239	12.450
57¾	Fund 3½pc 1998-04	37½	-⅛	9.606	10.618
51¾	Treas 5pc 2008-08	37⅝	-⅛	11.813	12.048
46¾	Treas 5pc 2008-12	47⅝	-⅛	11.804	11.770
53¾	Treas 7¾pc 2012-15	68	-⅛	11.977	12.080
93¾	Exch 12¾pc 2013-17	89¾	-⅛	12.531	12.540
35¾	Consols 4pc	32¾	..	12.498	..
35¾	War Ln 3½pc	32	..	11.332	..
26½	Funy 3½pc	25½	..	13.725	..
39¾	Treas 3½	23¾	..	12.522	..
17¾	Consols 2½pc	26⅝	..	12.081	..
17¼	Treas. 3½pc Aft '75	20	..	12.475	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

79½	Aust 5½pc '77-80	85⅝	..	5.848	10.638
58¾	Aust 3½pc 1955-80	52⅝	..	6.682	11.260
82¾	Aust 6½pc 81-83	81	..	7.576	11.439
77⅜	Aust 7½pc 79-81	89	..	7.594	11.057
90	Chilean Mixed	99	..	..	..
57¾	S Africa 5½pc '73-83	75½	..	7.771	13.361
197	German 4½pc 1930	400	..	..	..
32½	Hungary 4½pc 1924-49	49	..	..	..
48¾	Ireland 5¼pc 91-83	83¾	..	..	..
92¼	Jamaica 7¼pc '77-79	98½	..	7.981	11.638
225	Japan 4½pc 1910	400	+10	..	..
83	Japan 4½pc 53-73	71	..	..	..
65	Kenya 4½pc 1958-78	92	..	6.408	13.240
69	Malaya 7½pc 78-82	87½	..	8.630	11.394
71½	N Z 5½pc 76-80	94¼	..	6.383	10.735
83¾	N Z 7½pc 80-82	96¾	..	11.128	12.660
80¼	N Z 7½pc 83-86	92¾	..	9.385	11.308
74¾	S Rhd 6½pc 74-81	89¾	..	6.805	12.011
74	Nyasa 6½pc 78-81	86¾	..	6.805	12.011
142	Peru 6½pc Ass	145	..	..	..
82	S Africa 5½pc 79-81	95	..	..	..
30	S Rhd 3½pc 65-70	51	-½	..	..
20	S Rhd 4½pc 67-92	28	..	..	..
84	S Rhd 4½pc 78-81	76	..	..	..
45	Spanish 4½pc	51	..	..	..
67	Tanz 5½pc 78-82	90¼	..	7.189	13.209
88	Uruguay 3½pc	99½	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

20¾	L C C 3½	1820	23¾	12.903	..
64¾	L C C 5½pc	80-83	80	6.240	10.068
32	L C C 5½pc	77-81	88	6.282	10.280
62	L C C 5½pc	83-84	80¾	6.882	10.189
53¾	L C C 5½pc	85-87	71¾	7.884	10.966
81¼	L C C 6½pc	76-79	98¾	6.390	9.714
52¾	G L C 5½pc	85-86	69	7.965	11.811
83	G L C 6½pc	89-92	84¾	10.332	12.270
82	G L C 9½pc	80-82	82¾	10.276	11.578
93½	G L C 12½pc	1982	101¾	12.374	11.679
91	G L C 12½pc	1982	101½	12.303	12.068
74¾	Am Mt 7½pc	81-83	85	7.636	11.660
69¾	Am Mt 7½pc	81-84	83¾	9.337	11.780
52¾	Ar Mt 7½pc	81-83	67½	11.482	12.845
52¾	Ar Mt 8½pc	85-90	64½	10.292	12.427
73¾	Belfast 6½pc	77-80	90	7.221	11.933
64½	Brighton 6½pc	78-79	88	6.831	9.943
85	Camden 6½pc	77-79	100½	6.585	9.543
72½	Croydon 6½pc	77-79	97½	6.903	11.957
69½	Edin 6½pc	77-79	98¾	6.580	9.581
80	Glasgow 9¼pc	80-82	92¾	9.963	11.487
96¼	Liverpl 13½pc	1981	104¾	12.939	11.675
22¾	Met Water B	34-63	28¾	10.675	12.337
76½	N I 7½pc	79-82	92¾	7.607	12.767
60	N I 7½pc	84-86	78½	9.190	13.153
85	N I Elec 6½pc	81-83	81¾	7.947	11.985
84	Shrewd 5¼pc	77-79	98¾	5.348	10.104
60¾	Swan 6¼pc	83-86	79	8.515	11.216
77¾	Surrey 6½pc	78-80	93¾	6.398	10.634

FOREIGN STOCKS

49½	Bayer	£93½	-½	158	3.0 22.4
11¾	Commerzbank	£16⅞	-¼	45.0	2.7 18.3
17½	Cp Fn Paris	£30⅜	+1¼	156	5.1 10.0
43	EBES	£63	..	301	5.7 ..
14	Ericsson	£19½	..	59.1	3.0 24.8
6	Finnider	19	-¼	..	..
6½	Grdnges	£9½	..	..	..
365	Hoechst	510	-10	15.8	3.1 16.5
5	Montecatini E	34	-¼	..	..
470	Robeco Fl 5	607	+4	29.9	4.9 34.6
725	Rolinco Subs Fl 5	465	..	..	62.7
30	Solv Vissoys	95	-5	..	..
42	Volkswagen	£88	-1½	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

6¼	Brascan	£10	-¼	60 5	6.0 3.3
69	BP Canada	£11¾	..	..	..
49	Can Pac Ord	£14	..	47 9	3.4 9.1
94	El Paso	£15¾	..	41.7	3.4 23.0
27¾	Exxon Corp	£36½	..	..	..
20¾	Fluor	£29	+¼	63.7	2.2 13.4
16⅜	Hollinger	£25½	..	..	..
34¾	Hud Bay Oil	£25⅞	-⅛	30.8	1.2 27.3
14¾	Husky Oil	£20½	..	..	..
9¾	INCO	£11¾	-⅛	51.7	4.4 18.1
6⅞	IU Int	£9¼	..	47.8	5.2 9.5
18½	Kaiser Alum	£25¾	-⅛	87.7	3.4 ..
3⅝	Massey-Ferg	£7¾	..	58.1	7.5 5.9
11¾	Norton Simon	£17½	-⅛	47.9	3.5 10.8
20	Pacific Petrol	£25¾	-⅛	..	..
18	Pan Canadian	£20½	-¼	..	..
138	Steep Rock	213	+10	..	..
9½	Trans Can P	£19¾	-¼	..	..
17¾	US Steel	£19¾	..	..	..
725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2 21.0
12	Zapata Corp	£12	+½	15.7	1.3 36.0

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

185	Alexs Discount	285	..	21.7	8.2 6.0
218½	Allen B A Ross	325	-5	19.1	9.3 7.2
148½	Allied Irish	235	-1	11.4	6.8 5.7
198	Arb-Latham	172	..	15.3	8.9 10.9
180	ANZ Grp	343	..	10.9	3.2 11.5
13¾	Bank America	£28¾	..	57.9	2.8 14.2
280½	Bk of Ireland	444	..	22.7	5.1 6.3
14	Bk Leumi Israel	15	..	0.4	2.5 11.2
150	Bk Leumi UK	180	..	11.2	7.0 14.3
370	Bk of NSW	485	-5	19.3	3.8 14.8
225	Bk of Scotland	280	-5	17.5	6.2 7.2
82½	Brit Bk Near East	161	..	6.0	3.6 10.0
237	Barclays Bank	355	-5	20.1b	5.7 6.1
115	Brown Shipley	248	..	14.1	5.7 8.1
186½	Cater Ryder	280	-5	25.6	9.2 ..
17¾	Chase Man	22¾	..	1.14	4.6 11.8
13½	Citicorp	£19½	-¼	61 6	3.2 11.6
51½	Clive Discount	76	-2	7.0	9.2 5.7
170	Com Bk of Aust	238	-7	9.4	3.9 11.2
70	Com Bk of Syd	170	-5	7.8	4.5 17.3
126	CC De France	£28½	..	99.0	4.7 14.5
4	First Nat Fin	4¾	..	..	..
7	Fraser Ans	12¾	..	..	..
130	Gerrard & Nat	186	..	12.4	6.7 4.9
37	Gibbs A	54	-2	3.2	6.2 29.2
161¼	Gillett Bros	228	..	23.2	10.3 5.6
55	Grindlays Bkgs	137	-1	4.2	3.0 4.6
150	Guinness Peat	334	+4	15.5	6.6 9.6
12	Hambros £10	£17	..	..	14.6 ..
142	Do Ord	200	..	14.6	7.3 8.4
74	Hill Samuel	98	..	7.4	7.6 8.4
129	Hong K & Shang	326	+16	7.8b	2.3 22.4
43½	Jessel Toynbee	62	..	5.8	8.0 ..
115	Joseph L	200	..	12.0	6.0 9.9
21	Keyser Ullmann	58	-1	1.0	2.0 67.7
42	King & Shaxson	82	-2	5.2	8.4 4.7
76	Kleinwort Ben	106	..	6.5	6.2 7.7
165	Lloyds Bank	266	-4	14.5	5.5 5.5
92	Mercury Secs	133	-4	7.4	5.7 6.3
295½	Midland	366	-5	22.4	6.1 5.4
29	Minster Assets	64	+1	5.3	8.3 5.7
166	Nat of Aust	245	-8	9.3	3.8 9.8
58	Nat Com Bk Grp	76	-2	4.2	5.5 5.6
263	Nat Westminster	375	-5	18.2	6.8 5.7
29	Ottoman	£40½	..	280	5.7 11.6
45	Rea Bros	56	..	2.5	4.5 11.2
141½	Royal N. Can	£22	-½	7.5	3.3 22.4
300	Schlesinger	460	..	47.5	9.8 10.2
188½	Secombe Mar	238	..	20.2	9.2 10.1
51½	Smith St Aubyn	82	-2	7.8	9.3 ..
283	Standard Chart	435	..	29.8	6.8 5.5
213¾	Union Discount	320	-10	24.8	7.5 5.2
37	Wintrust	68	..	4.6	6.8 17.2

NEWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

86	Allied	84½	..	6.7	7.9 11.8
87	Bass Charrgton	166	..	7.6	4.5 11.3
70	Belhaven Grp	90	..	..	..
169	Bell A	262	..	7.5	2.9 8.9
54½	Boddingtons	97	..	4.0	4.1 15.1
64	Brown M.	121	-2	8.1	6.9 14.3
88	Bulmer HP Hldgs	133	..	4.8	3.7 7.8
75	Burtonwood	117	..	5.2	3.1 10.2
48	C of Ldn Dfd	57	..	4.6b	6.9 23.1
100	Devenish	202	..	9.1	4.5 10.7
119	Distillers	209	-2	11.9	5.3 9.8
30½	Greenall	131	-2	4.2	3.2 13.2
152	Grtrex King	310	+2	12.1	3.9 15.0
124	Guinness	164	-1	11.9	6.7 7.7
98	Hardys & H'sons	150	..	10.8	7.2 12.6
33	Highland	143	..	4.4	3.1 21.3
35	Invergordon	139	-1	2.5	1.8 13.9
42	Irish Distillers	171	+1	8.1	3.4 12.0
31	Marston	43	+1	2.9	3.4 10.4
46	Scot & Newcastle	67	-1	5.2	4.7 7.7
134½	Seagram	£184½	-½	41.9	2.3 13.4
40	SA Breweries	89½	+2	7.0	5.7 4.9
42	Tomatin	127	-1	4.5	3.6 15.7
57	Vaux	130	..	6.1	4.7 13.5
58½	Whitbread 'A'	103	-1	6.0	5.8 8.9
66	Do B	104	..	6.0	5.7 9.0
55	Whitbread Inv	94	..	6.1	6.5 22.8
114	Wolverhampton	230	-4	9.2	4.0 13.8

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
		A — B			
122	77	AAH	111	..	3.3	8.4 7.7
42	28	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.6 8.4
162	39½	AGB Research	158	-3	5.2	3.4 17.7
257	134	APV Hldgs	257	..	8.7	3.4 9.5
75¾	45½	Aaronson Bros	71	..	5.3	7.5 7.2
136	62	Acrow	136	..	3.8	2.8 11.2
108	52	Do A	108	+4	3.8	3.5 8.9
84	11	Adda Int	54	..	1.0	1.5 10.9
310	150	Advert Group	310	..	15.5	4.9 8.6
130	34	Aerovt'l & Gen	128	-2	3.8	3.6 13.4
68	42	Airfix Ind	66	..	4.9	8.7 5.3
12¾	7¼	Akzo	£11	-⅛	..	.. ..
167	147	Alcan Ord	162	+1	15.0b	9.3 3.1
96	69	Do 10½pc	£94½	..	10.50	12.4 ..
302	205	Alginate Ind	278	..	22.2	7.7 8.0
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	53	..	6.6	12.4 8.7
58	25½	Allen W. G	54	..	4.3	7.8 4.3
139	64	Allied Colloids	94	..	2.6	3.1 15.4
74	43	Allied Insulators	67	..	6.5	9.7 5.1
17	7½	Allied Plant	16	-½	1.1	6.7 7.8
79	19	Alpine Hldgs	78	..	3.8	4.8 20.1
252	210	Amal Metal	325	+2	24.7	7.6 13.2
171	57½	Amal Power	165	-1	8.0	4.8 4.4
49	21	Amber Day	46½	-½	3.0	6.5 6.7
38	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	28	..	0.8	3.0 4.8
96	41	Anchor Chem	76	..	6.3	8.2 4.9
98	20	Anderson Strain	89	-½	4.0	5.7 8.0
275	185	Anglia TV 'A'	235	..	15.5	6.6 9.0
302	153	Blue Circle Ind	285	-2	14.7	5.0 7.5
87	39	Blundell Perm	85	-1	4.8	5.6 8.3
30½	7½	Boardman K. O.	19	..	1.7	9.7 6.4
75	33	Bodycote	75	+1	3.4	4.5 7.3
44	17	Bonser Eng	43	..	2.2	5.1 12.4
68	20	Ass Paper	41	-½	4.6	6.4 7.0
130	68	Ass Tel 'A'	125	..	10.9	8.6 6.6
44	23	Ass Tooling	43	-1	3.9	9.0 10.8
69	23	Astbury & Midley	68	+1	3.0	4.4 7.7
58	27	Atkins Bros	54	..	5.6	10.3 8.0
43	17	Audiotronic	24	..	0.3	1.1 ..
42	22	Ault & Wiborg	42	+1	3.1	7.3 8.6
191	86	Aurora Hldgs	181	..	8.2	5.2 4.7
102	30	Austin E.	102	..	5.8	5.7 4.6
136	63	Avana Grp	55	..	1.7	3.0 10.2
196	113	Avery's	196	+1	8.8	4.5 11.4
225	74	Avon Rubber	219	..	14.1	6.4 3.2
347	238	B.A.T. Ind	317	..	22.6	7.1 5.8
304	203	BET Dfd	277	..	..	.. ..
68	39	BBA Grp	66	..	3.8	6.3 6.3
124	71	BET Dfd	120	+1	8.8	7.3 7.1
144	87	BICC	140	-4	11.1	7.9 13.0
28	20	BL Ltd	22	..	..	.. ..
62	61	BOC Int	76	+½	5.3	7.0 8.5
278	111	BPB Ind	252	-1	11.8	4.6 5.6
58	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	56	+1	4.3n	7.5 7.2
45	17½	BSG Int	43¼	-½	3.2	7.5 4.1
151	86	BSR Ltd	99	+1	7.5	7.5 6.7
339	149½	BTR Ltd	304	-2	18.7	5.0 11.4
150	70	Babcock & W	150	+1	8.5	5.9 7.4
56	21	Baggeridge Brk	34	..	3.5	10.4 10.5
9¼	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	8	..	0.3	3.3 46.2
194	93	Baird W	188	..	14.1	7.5 6.2
123	65	Baker Perkins	122	+5	6.5	5.3 4.1
60	28½	Bambergers	58	+1	4.9	8.4 9.2
138	14	Bambers Stores	138	+7	2.3	1.7 10.4
167	63	Cum'ns Eng Cr	286	..	378	3.8 ..
260	63½	Dale Electric	198	+10	4.2n	2.2 17.6
26¾	14	Dana Corp	22½n	..	60.0	3.1 ..
148	78½	Davies & New	131	..	11.1	8.5 29.1
101½	28	Davis G.	99½	..	5.0	5.0 3.8
296	150	Davy Int	287	+2	16.8	5.6 8.6
700	390	De Beers Ind	660	..	46.4	7.0 12.4
169	66	Deanson Hldgs	40	..	3.2	7.9 8.9
116	64½	Debenhams	84	..	8.1	8.6 9.6
300	128½	De La Rue	278	-4	15.2	5.3 8.7
580	233	Decca	460	..	18.0	3.9 18.7
560	223	Do A	435	-5	18.0	4.1 17.7
51½	49	Delta Metal	51	-½	7.6	9.4 10.2
108	66	Denbyware	108	..	8.2	8.2 10.7
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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stag back on growth tack

By Tony May

Solid growth has been resumed at Stag Furniture Holdings. Pre-tax profits for the half-year to July 1 are 37 per cent ahead at £1.03m—the first time that £1m has been made in a half year. Turnover went up 15 per cent to £9.8m. Earnings a share are 12p against 9.27p, while the dividend is raised from 3.03p to 3.4p gross.

Last year was difficult for the furniture industry in general and the second half saw a fall in profits of 23.5 per cent to £624,000 to give an out-turn of £1.36m, compared with a record £1.56m. In contrast, the board considers the latest half-year results to be satisfactory. The market agreed and its initial reaction was to mark the shares up 6p to 134p.

Trading conditions have improved steadily during the year and are now good. All companies are working to capacity, and some observers are looking for a record performance for the full year.

Harold Perry's 47pc midterm rise below market hopes

By Rosemary Unsworth

Interim results from Harold Perry, Ford main dealers, slightly disappointed the market yesterday with a 47 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.18m instead of the external estimates of £2.5m for the six months to June 30. The price was accordingly marked down 5p to 131p after the announcement.

The results showed a 42 per cent increase in trading profit for the group's new cars and commercial vehicles division as well as in the leasing, contract hire, parts sales and vehicle servicing and repair sections. According to Mr John MacGregor, chairman, other divisions, including self-drive hirt, showed slightly lower profit increases.

Although profits from the third quarter of 1978, which include the record August month for new registrations, are above last year's figures, they are not as high as those achieved in the first half, said Mr MacGregor. "Our performance for the remaider of 1978 will depend largely on the production levels achieved by our suppliers since we see no sign of a deterioration in our customers' demand for their successful and competitive range of products."

The group has declared an interim dividend of 2.48p gross, 33.6 per cent greater than the 7.48 per cent gross interim for 1977 adjusted for the doubling of issued ordinary capital after a scrip issue in May.

Hugh Mackay moves 10pc ahead

Interim results from Hugh Mackay, carpet manufacturer, showed a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £218,000 for the six months to June 30, 1978. The rise, which is the same as last year's interim increase, was on the basis of a small increase in turnover from £3.9m to £4m.

While the company's trading profit went up to £193,000 from £137,000, investments fell to £25,000 from £60,000 because of the fall in lending rates, according to Mr John Mackay, chairman.

An interim dividend of 2p gross has been declared, the same as last year, and it seems likely that the final will also remain at the same level of 2.8p.

Exports, which are running at 20 per cent of total sales, increased during the first half, although exports to Scandinavia fell slightly. "High inflation coupled with currency fluctuation hit our markets there", said Mr Mackay. He also said the company was looking at the prospect of exporting to the Far East.

F Sumner manages small rise

Shorn of its subsidiary, Lloyds British Testing—which was sold last year—Francis Sumner (Holdings), an industrial group, made some progress in the first half of 1978.

As a simple comparison, pre-tax profits dropped to £405,000, compared with £537,000 in the first six months of 1977. However, stripping out £150,000 from companies sold profits are actually up by 4.5 per cent. Turnover, taking out companies sold, has risen by 4.8 per cent to £7.81m.

The order position in some operating companies is higher than at the start of 1978 and the whole group is trading at a similar level as at the end of June. Assuming a repeat performance in the second half, overall pre-tax profits should reach £810,000, against £641,000 for last year, after adjusting for companies sold. With earnings per share up from an adjusted 0.94p to 1.00p, the interim dividend, gross, is being raised from equal to 0.68p to 0.74p.

Business appointments

Bass Charrington restructures

Mr Jim Lloyd has been elected vice-chairman of Bass Charrington. Other appointments to the board are: Mr O. C. Darby, managing director of Bass Mitchells & Butlers; Mr I. M. G. Prosser, financial director; Mr K. Richards, marketing director and Mr P. Williams, technical director.

In a group restructuring, Mr Lloyd also becomes chairman of a new company, Bass Trade Development, which will be responsible for marketing policy, planning and development, property and technical services. Another new company (Mr G. R. Hill, chairman) will be Bass UK, responsible for the six operating companies, and for Bass Sales.

Mr J. R. Leachman will be chairman of a new company named Bass Brewing, embracing all United Kingdom brewing and maltings operations. Mr J. P. U. Burr becomes chairman of a new company to be called Bass Europe, covering Bass Export, Canada Dry (UK), Crest Hotels, Hedges & Butler and overseas interests.

Mr G. V. Parker is to be chairman and managing director of Bass North and Mr D. A. Urquhart chairman and managing director of Bass Wales and West. All these appointments are effective from October 1.

Mr Nicholas Corah becomes a director of the Leicester Building Society from December 1. He is chairman and joint managing director of Corah.

Mr D. Kinnell, sales director of Dorman Smith Switchgear, has joined the board of Dorman Smith Holdings as marketing director. Mr K. F. Blackshaw becomes financial director to the boards of each Dorman Smith subsidiary company and Mr A. L. Kidd has been made technical director of Dorman Smith Switchgear.

Mr W. J. Cain is to be controller, financial services, of the British Steel Corporation.

Mr William Holmes becomes a director of Rubery Owen Holdings.

Mr Nicholas Corah, who is to become a director of the Leicester Building Society.

Mr Steven Schaefer be director of Reliance Fina Consulting Group and h named as vice-president ance Insurance in the States and Pilot Insur Canada.

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Mr Peter Walsh has be a director of George T. F.

Mr Roy Cresswell i appointed technical dir Weir Foundries from Oct

Mr Michael Jackaman, board director of Allied and beer division marketi tor, is now chairman recently-formed Ind Coo Sales. Mr Michael Titmu aging director.

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Mr Howard W. Blaue chairman and chief exec cer of Continental Oil (Conoco), is to retire 1979 and will be succeed R. E. Bailey, who elected a deputy chairm

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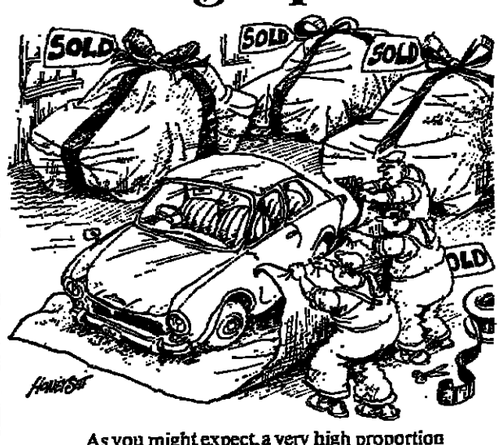

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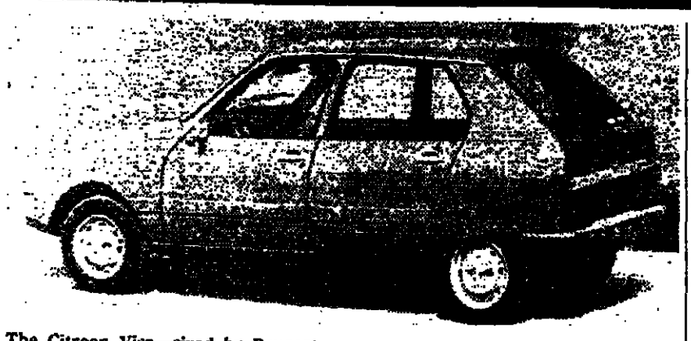

The Citroen Visa—sired by Peugeot.

cannot be emphasized too often the motor industry of Eastern pe is many years behind that of Nest in both output and technical nce. As I said rather forcibly last the handling of the Skoda le car from Czechoslovakia t have been just acceptable in 1950s, but today it is dangerously itive when set against anything this side of the Iron Curtain.

ssia's leading popular car, the is in a slightly different cate- since it is closely based on a ern design, the old Fiat 124. In ay, *the 124 was one of Europe's* family saloons and even now it clearly superior to such home- n Eastern block products as the lle, the Russian Moskvitch and East German Wartburg (the last are no longer sold in Britain). the 124 was dropped in Italy four years ago and is essentially of the 1960s.

is against this background that Lada must be judged. Imagine Leyland had done a deal for, say, ania, *to produce the Morris* r under licence and you have ides. On the other hand, like all European cars, the Lada is sig- antly cheaper than a comparable l made in Britain, Western pe or Japan.

e 1600, which has just arrived ritain, is the most powerful Lada the car was first sold here four ago with a modest 1,198cc e and with fuller equipment sents an attempt by the impor- Satra Motors, to attract a better of customer. Satra expects the to become its best selling model g 1979, taking about 0.5 per cent te British car market on its own nt and pushing total Lada pene- n to perhaps three times that e.

e 1,570cc *overhead camshaft* te—of Russian design—makes a livelier car than the existing which will continue to be sold

Although the power output is much greater, there are gains in peed torque which means better ng power in top gear. The car erates from rest to 60 mph in a 13 seconds, and has a claimed speed of 100 mph.

that looks impressive on paper, ver, it must be said that very gearing makes the engine sound ed well below even the British rway limit and, with the upright e and poorly sealed quarter s setting up noticeable wind this is not the best proposition long-distance cruising. The car out for a fifth gear.

fuel consumption, I cannot use- speak. I returned only 20 mpg wn, which is so far below the ial urban test cycle figure of 26.2 *as to be obviously untypical.* The should give at least 30 mpg on open road and will save its owner pence by running on three-star

My test car was afflicted by gy starting and a slow running hardly the recipe for frugal ring.

nuering, if hardly nimble, is safe enough, and the car sticks well to the road. It is, though, let down by poor steering—the old-fashioned worm and roller system largely abandoned in the West—which is both vague on the straight and heavy for parking and tight bends. The brakes function well *and there is a crisp gearbox.*

The Lada is a full four-seater (five at a pinch) and its boxlike shape guarantees ample rear headroom. The *suspension, specially strengthened for* inferior Russian roads, gives a firmish but not uncomfortable ride and though the seats tend to sit you upright like a bus driver, they give *reasonable* support. There is a good boot which, with a full lip, must be loaded from above.

There are two 1600 models. The basic version has full carpeting, cloth upholstery, laminated windscreen and Goodyear radial tyres, shipped out to Russian from Britain. The ES has, in addition, a stereo radio-cassette player with electric aerial, vinyl roof, leather rimmed steering wheel, alloy road wheels and steel-braced radials. The prices are, respectively, £2,666 and £2,999, and include number plates, delivery and 12 months' tax disc.

Visa revealed

Thanks to press leaks (not entirely accurate) in France and a subsequent statement from the company confirming the essence of the story, Citroen's new small car, the Visa, has been known about for some months. Only today, *however, are the full official* details released.

The Visa is a "supermini", just over 12 feet long, which will slot into *the Citroen range betwee nthe 2CV/* Dyane and the GS and compete with cars like the Ford Fiesta, Volkswagen Polo, Renault 5, Fiat 127 and Peugeot 104. *In fact, it has certain features in* common with the Peugeot, which is not surprising since Peugeot and Citroen are one and the same company.

To start with, the Visa shares the 104's five-door body layout, though there are sufficient styling changes *so as not to make the fact too obvious.* The smooth, sloping bonnet and the rear three-quarter panels which, as on other Citroens, overhang the wheels, *are obvious points of difference and* there are integral plastic bumpers to soak up minor bangs. The rear seat folds down to increase luggage space.

Two engines are available, both driving the front wheels. The smaller is a new flat-twin Citroen unit of 652cc, driving through the GS gearbox, and, unusually for a unit of its size, equipped with full electronic ignition. This last feature means no contact breaker or distributor and better cold starting.

The engine is also said to have better performance than the 602cc unit used in the 2CV and Dyane, with particularly good low-speed torque. The figures given by Citroen (0 to 60 mph in 26 seconds; maximum speed 77 mph) are less impressive than the fuel consumption returns, in independent tests, of 37.2 mpg in town and nearly 50 mpg at a steady 56 mph.

In its more powerful version, the Visa's engine is the 1114cc four-cylinder overhead camshaft unit already used in the Peugeot 104 and the transmission is also from the Peugeot, with appropriate gear ratio modifications. Performance is much brisker (0 to 60 in less than 17 seconds) and fuel consumption only a little inferior, with 33.6 mpg in town and 45.6 mpg at 56 mph. The suspension, all-independent, is basically Peugeot.

As one might expect on a Citroen, there is a *single-spoke steering* wheel and one wiper to clear the whole windscreen. The instrument and control layout is typically futuristic. the minor controls being worked from a cylinder which is in three parts. The upper portion revolves to operate the wipers and washers; the central section carries the indicators and horn; and the lower part takes care of the lights, with dipswitch and flasher.

The Visa makes its first public appearance at the Paris Motor Show early next month; but as right-hand-drive examples are unlikely to get here until well into 1979, Citroen has decided not to parade the car at the British show, which opens at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on October 20.

Driving test tape

There is, unfortunately, no magic formula to guarantee passing the driving test: if there was, the success rate would be a lot better than 45 per cent. I would say that the essential requirements are skilled tuition, plenty of opportunity to practise between lessons and calm nerves on the day.

But a 60-minute cassette has just come on the market which seems to fill a gap. It's maker believes it to be the first attempt to cover the test, step by step, from the examiner's point of view, explaining his marking procedure and using the official Department of Transport language.

The tape was devised and written by Mr Gordon Cole, a driving school owner and assistant road safety officer of the London Borough of Harrow. As he points out, it is possible to fail the test *without* even *getting into the car*; if, for instance, one of the lights is not working. Many other seemingly minor, but crucial, pitfalls are covered by the tape.

There are, of course, detailed sections on turning procedure, reversing round a corner and the emergency stop. Mr Cole would be the first to admit that the tape does not teach anyone how to drive and is not a substiture for practical tuition. But a few playings should impress upon a candidate what the examiner will expect from him, thus lightening the ordeal. Entitled *The Driving Test*, the cassette is being sold through record shops and chain stores at £3.49. A long-playing record is also available.

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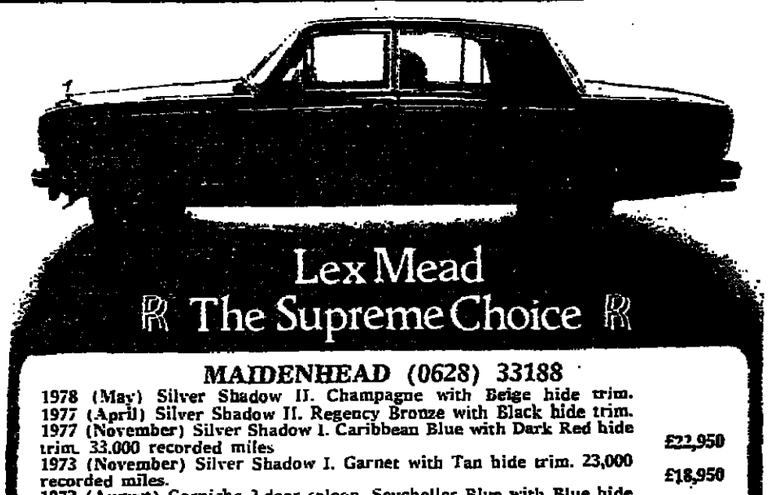

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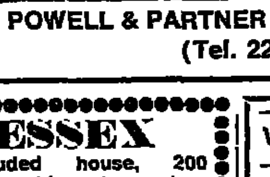

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Broadcasting Guide

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PERSONAL CHOICE

…e of the regulars who appear in Emmerdale Farm …imes, 6.30).

…ere is exactly 10 minutes of difference between Misha …r's 1968 film about Padre Pio, the Italian priest whom many … should be made a saint, and the updated version we see …ht (BBC 2, 8.00). But these 10 minutes are precisely why …remarkable film is being shown again. The original film …shot just before Padre Pio died and before the stigmata he …carried for more than 50 years suddenly disappeared. Much …e extra screen time is taken up with an investigation into …post-mortem phenomenon. The programme is written by …ck O'Donovan.

…nother repeat (without extra footage) you should know …t is the *Horizon film which won the Broadcasting Press* …d Award for the best single documentary in 1976. Billion …ar Bubble (BBC 2, 9.45) is a reconstruction of a spectacular …cial fraud. It tells how two billion dollars worth of phoney …rance was produced by the Equity Funding Corporation of …rica after two executives used a computer to balance an …untancy error. The cast is headed by *Sam Wanamaker*.

…however, you prefer the fiction rather than the fact of Big …ness immorality, you should watch The Foundation (ITV, …, another of ATV's plays which do for the boardroom what …erdale Farm does for agriculture, Crown Court for the law …Disraeli for the armchair politician.

…aders have expressed disappointment that the Pebble Mill …on the new ultra-sonic pre-natal scanner which I said …d be transmitted yesterday, did not appear. This had to be …oned at the last minute for personal reasons. It is now …re-scheduled and will go out next Thursday.

…nobody's surprise, the Radio 3 recitals by winners and …vinners of last week's Leeds International Piano Competition …racting large numbers of listeners. Today (3.45) we hear …f the British entries, Kathryn Stott.

…eek Ending, that outrageous satire on the week's news …io 4, 10.30 pm) is back again. Of all the current programmes …BC radio, this must surely be the one which, more than any …, would have disgusted Lord Reith to the point of apoplexy …were still alive. It makes me wince, laugh loudly, groan and …sionally want to cheer.

…T THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; * BLACK AND WHITE; …EPEAT.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am, *Open University* (until 7.55). 6.40, Daumier and his Robert Macaire. 7.05, Lakes and rivers. 7.30, Molecular evolution.
9.30, For Schools, colleges: 9.30, Canoe (r). 10.00, Look and Read (r). 10.23, Ffenestri.
10.45, You and Me: puppets in Me and My Shadow.
11.05, For Schools, colleges: 11.05, Out of the Past. 11.30, A Job Worth Doing. 12.00, The Business World.
12.25 pm, International Golf: Great Britain and Ireland v Europe in the Hennessy Cognac Cup. Today: the four-ball matches.
12.45, News and weather.
1.00, Pebble Mill: today's edition includes Peter Seabrook's gardening item, Dig This.
1.45, Trumpton: a puppet story called Pigeons (r).
2.02, For Schools, colleges: 2.02, Scene (r). 2.35, General Studies (Joan of Arc).
3.00, International Golf: (see BBC1, 12.25). Continued.
3.55, Play School: Today's story is There Was a Princess Long Ago.
4.20, Help! It's the Hair Bear Bunch: zoo cartoon.
4.40, Horse of the Year Show: Fact-finding trip to Wembley. *Susan King is the reporter (r).*
5.05, Play Away Away Day: the team visit a farm at corn-harvesting time.
5.35, Ivor the Engine: Oliver Postgate's story Mr Brangwyn's Pigeons (r).
5.40, News, with Richard Baker.
5.55, Nationwide: tonight's edition includes Desmond *Lynam's Sportswide* (at 6.40).
6.55, Young Dan'l Boone: A would-be preacher, who seems to be merely converting the Indians, is actually forcing them into slavery.
7.45, Seaside Special: from Weymouth. Last of the series. Artistes include two rising stars Lennie Bennett and Jerry Stevens.
8.30, Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin: our hero tries to assume a new identity (or rather, several) but he has less success than with his old one.
9.00, News, with Richard Baker.
9.25, Target: crime thriller. From his South African hide-out, a robber returns to England to collect his loot. Hackett tries to find him.
10.15, Tonight—in Town: Valerie Singleton surveys the London entertainment scene.
10.46, Film: Ruby Gentry: (1953).* Jennifer Jones is the girl from the wrong side of the tracks who sets out to get even with the society people who cut her. Co-stars are Charlton Heston and Karl Malden.
12.05, Weather.

BBC 1 variations: SCOTLAND: 10.15, Tormod air telly. WALES: 8.00, Dad's Army, 10.15, Kane on Friday. MIDLANDS: 10.15, It's Your Affair. EAST: 10.15, For Your Tomorrow. WEST: 10.15, The Factory. SOUTH: 10.15, Report South.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University *(until 7.55): 6.40,* Managing the Desert Margin; 7.05, Oil: North Sea Bonanza; 7.30, Women in the Community.
11.00, Play School: same as BBC 1, 3.55.
11.25, International Golf: see BBC 1, 12.25 pm, Then, further live transmissions from the Belfry at 2.00 pm and 3.55.
4.55, Open University (until 7.00): 4.55, The Afro-American and World war II; 5.20, Geochemistry; 5.45, Planning for Disaster; 6.10, Genes and Development; 6.35, For the Good of the Company.
7.00, News, with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.05, Children's Wardrobe: *how one pattern makes school dress, party dress and night dress.*
7.30, News and weather.
7.35, Expert Opinion: The Subject is: Race relations—what future? The speakers: Sir David Napley, a solicitor; Dipak Nandy, founder of the Runnymede Trust, and Trevor Phillips, president of the NUS.
8.00, Padre Pio: Updating of Mischa Scorer's 1968 film about the remarkable priest whose marks of crucifixion died with him (see Personal Choice).
9.00, Southampton Boat Show: our guides are Noel Edmonds and Susan King.
9.45, Horizon: another chance to see Billion Dollar Bubble, dramatized account of possibly the biggest fraud of all time (see Personal Choice).
10.45, International Golf: highlights from today's fourball and singles matches.
11.15, News and weather.
11.30, Rock Goes to college: new series. Tonight, the Boomtown Rats give a concert at the Middlesex Polytechnic, Hendon.
12.10 am, Close down: Hugh Dickson reads Louis Macneice's Tree Party.

THAMES

9.30 am, For Schools (until 11.54): 9.30, Leapfrog; 9.47, Starting Out; 10.05, Believe it or Not; 10.23, Experiment; 10.40, World Around Us; 11.02, My World—stories; 11.15, Picture Box; 11.32, Stop, Look, Listen; 11.44, Reading with Lenny.
11.54, Beany and Cecil: cartoon.
12.00, The Learning Tree: counting the sun-bound birds.
12.10, Stepping Stones: the art of disguise.
12.30 pm, Country Style: British and American artistes, including George Hamilton IV.
1.00, News, with Peter Sissons.
1.20, Thames News: local round-up.
1.30, Untamed Frontier: the puffins of the Shetland Islands.
2.00, Money-Go-Round: new series. Joan Shenton and Tony Bastable ask: How safe is tinned food?
2.25, Racing: We see four events from Ayr: the 2.30, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.05.
4.15, The Flockton Flyer: it could be a ghost train, except that ghosts do not write slogans (r).
4.45, Magpie: children's magazine.
5.15, Thames Sport: Ronald Allison is the presenter.
5.45, News.
6.00, Thames at Six: news from the area.
6.30, Emmerdale Farm: The day of the sponsored walk.

London Weekend

7.00, The Krypton Factor: the second semi-final. The contestants are an oceanographer, a priest, a student teacher and a gardener.
7.30, The Rag Trade: The importance of Mr Fenner's blood pressure.
8.00, 3-2-1: Gillian Rudd and Peter Williams make their third appearance as competitors in this family quiz show.
9.00, The Foundation: Davinia's financial and boardroom troubles get worse. (See Personal Choice.)
10.00, News.
10.30, Police Five.
10.40, Soap: anything-but-cosy story of two American families.
11.10, Film: The Mummy's Shroud: (1967) Hammer Films version of the very familiar tale of an ancient Egyptian who cannot take things lying down.
12.40 am, Close: *Derrick Gilbert reads a Donne poem.*

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather.
6.10, Farming today.
6.30, Today.
8.45, A High Wind in Jamaica (conclusion).
9.00, News.
9.05, Local Time.
9.35, Am I Too Loud? (Gerald Moore).
10.00, News.
10.05, Checkpoint.
10.30, Daily Service.
10.45, Story: It's a knock-kneed *Game.*
11.00, News.
11.05, Analysis.
11.50, Old Wives' Lore of Gardening.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, My Music.
1.00, World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour, Birmingham.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play: Daddy's Little Treasure (Valerie Georgeson).†
4.00, News.
4.05, The Remittance Man.
4.35, Story: Jane and Prudence (5).
5.00, PM Reports.
5.40, Enquire Within.
6.00, News.
6.30, Going Places.
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, Pick of the Week.†
8.10, Profile.
8.30, Any Questions?
9.15, Letter from America.
9.30, Kaleidoscope.
9.59, Weather.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, Week Ending: week's news.†
10.55, Nightcap.
11.00, Story: The Turn of the Screw (conclusion).
11.15, Financial World Tonight.
11.30, News, Weather.
VHF: 6.50 am, Regional News and Weather, 7.50, 12.55 pm, 5.55. Schools at 9.10 am, 10.45 and 2.00 pm.

Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, Overture Concert. Herold, Field, Haydn.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Concert: Poulenc, Corelli, *Rachmaninov, Verdi.*†
9.00, News.
9.05, Albeniz and granados.†
9.45, Young Artists Recital: Bellini, Mercadante, Rossini, Strauss, Schumann, Schubert.†
10.45, BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra: *Mozart, Farkas, Vaughan* Williams, Victory.†
11.30, Brahms, Debussy and Liszt.†
12.15 pm, Cardiff Prom, part 1: Berlioz, Bartok.
1.00, News.
1.05, Playbill.†
1.20, Midday Prom, part 2: Jones.
1.55, Southampton University Madrigal Society: Weelkes, Muldowney.†
2.35, Violin and Piano: Schumann, Prokofiev.†
3.10, Bratislava Folk Music Prize 1977.†
3.45, Leeds International Piano Competition.
4.45, The Young Idea: records.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.
6.05, News.
6.10, Homeward Bound.
6.30, Lifelines: Leisure and Recreation.
7.30, Opening of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham, Concert, part 1: Walton, Beethoven.†
8.20, Painting in Close-up: Braque (talk by John Nash).
8.35, Opening Concert: Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky.†
9.30, The Living Poet (W. S. Graham).
10.25, Boccherini and Haydn: Chamber music.†
11.15, Allstair Cooke's Vincent Youmans: No No Nanette.
11.45, News.
11.50-11.55, Schubert Song.†
7.30 pm, Open University.

RADIO 3 VHF: 6.00-7.00 am., 5.45-

Radio 2

5.00 am, *News, weather.*
5.02, Tony Brandon.†
7.32, Ray Moore.†
10.02, Jimmy Young.†
12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk.
12.30, Pete Murray's Open House.†
2.30, David Hamilton.† Racing from Ayr.
4.30, Waggoners' Walk.
4.45, Sports Desk.
4.47, John Dunn.†
6.45, Sports, racing results.
7.02, Jim Macleod and his Band.†
8.02, Silver Jubilee Concert.†
9.55, Sports Desk.
10.02, Games People Play.
10.30, Let's Go Latin.
11.02, Brian Matthew.
12.00, News.
2.00-2.02 am, News.

Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.02, Dave Lee Travis. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Peter Powell. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.30, Jim Macleod and his Band (joins Radio 2).† 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-2.02 am, As Radio 2.

VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am, With Radio 2. 10.00 pm, With Radio 1. 12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

REGIONAL TV

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Housoparty. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Calendar Sport. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.30, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.00, Film: One of My Wives is Missing (Jack Klugman, Elizabeth Ashley, James Franciscus).

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV Newsdesk. 1.30, Stars on Ice. 2.00, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 7.00, London Weekend. 11.00, The Cat Creature (Meredith Baxter, David Hedison, Stuart Whitman). 12.30, Close.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Those Wonderful TV Times. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Bygones. 6.00, About Anglia. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.30, Cross Question. 11.00, Film, Bus Stop (Marilyn Monroe and Don Murray). 12.45 am, Music at Night. Close.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, News. 1.30, Housoparty. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Thames. 7.00, London Weekend. 7.30, Thingummyjig: Jack McLaughlin. 8.00, London Weekend. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35, Appointment with Fear (Lionel Atwill, Fay Wray). 12.35 am, Close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, This is Your right. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Kick Off. 7.00, London Weekend. 11.00, Film: This Property is Condemned (Natalie Wood, Robert Redford). 1.05 am, Close.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Thames. 4.13, Ulster News. 4.15, Thames. 5.15, The Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00, Reports. 6.25, Sportscast. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.30, Film: Sweet Smell of Success (Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis). 12.00, Bedtime. 12.10 am, Close.

Channel

9.30 am, Thames. 1.30 pm, Crown Court. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, The Lost Islands Sea Dragon. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.28, Channel News, Weather. 10.32, Film: The Visit. 12.15 am, News, weather in French. Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Survival: The Rats of Tomana. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Garnock Way. 6.00, Lookaround Friday. 6.35, Firehouse. 7.00, Thames. 7.30, London Weekend. 10.30, Film: The Hill (Ian Bendry). 12.45 am, Border News. 12.46, Close.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Report West. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Women. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Soccer. 6.00, Report West. 6.30, Thames. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.35, Report Extra. 11.05, Film: The Last Run (George C. Scott, Tony Musante, Trish Van Devere). 12.45 am, Weather and Close. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 9.47 am, Am Gymru. 1.20 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 1.25, Report Wales Headlines. 4.15, Camau Cantamil. 6.00, Y Dydd. 6.15, Report Wales. 10.35, Letter by Letter. 11.05, Outlook. 11.35-12.30 am, The Outsiders. 12.30, Weather and Close. HTV GENERAL SERVICE: As HTV West except: 9.47 am, Am Gymru. 1.25 pm, Report Wales Headlines. 6.15, Report Wales.

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9.25 am, The Good Word. North East News. 9.30, Thames. 12.00, The Learning Tree. 1.20 pm, North East News. Lookaround 1.30, Father Dear Father. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 6.00, Northern Life. Sportstime. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.30, Film: A Study in Terror (John Neville, Donald Houston). 12.20 am, Epilogue. 12.25, Close.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News and Weather. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days: The Graduation, part 1. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.00, Scene South East. 6.30, Tell Me Another. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.30, Weekend. 10.35, Powderkeg (Rod Taylor). 12.15 am, Southern News Extra. 12.25, Britain Today and Tomorrow. Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Survival: Messenger of the Gods. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.25, *Top Club.* 7.00, London Weekend. 7.30, Dave's Singalong. 8.00, London Weekend. 10.30, Reflections. 10.35, Film: Countess Dracula (Ingrid Pitt, Nigel Green and Sandor Eles). 12.30 am, News. 12.35, Close.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Country Style. 1.00, Thames. 1.20, Westward News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Time Out. 7.00, London Weekend. 10.28, Westward News and Weather. 10.30, Film: The Visit (Ingrid Bergman, Anthony Quinn). 12.15 am, Faith for Life. 12.20, Close.

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BOOME.—On September 20th, at *Queen Charlotte's, to Rosemary* (née Barstow) and Simon—a daughter.

CARVER.—On 21st September, at Copthorne Maternity Hospital, Shrewsbury, to Meriel (née Fawcus) and Benjamin—a daughter (Victoria Meriel).

CECIL.—On 14th September, at the John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital, to Jill (née Heanley) and John—a daughter (Claire Rosemary).

COLQUHOUN.—On Sept. 21 to Rosie (née Colville) and Neil—a son (Nicholas Peter), brother for William.

CUNNINGHAM.—On September 20th in Melbourne, to Jean (née Bargh) *and David—a daughter* (Charlotte Sybil).

DALTON.—On September 20th, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Sandra (née Leggett) and Michael—a son (Patrick James).

GARDNER.—On September 20th, in Leamington Spa, to Christa (née Freiin Teuffel von Birkensee) and Julian—a daughter.

GUTCH.—On Sept. 20th, to Ric *and Susi—a son (Adam William)* a brother for Jamie.

HODGES.—On 20th September, 1978, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Celia (née Jackson) and Christopher—a son (Timothy).

HUGH-JONES.—On 18th September, at the Victoria Hospital, Cork, to Bridget (née Sabell) and David—a daughter (Catenza Bride).

KAVANAGH.—On September 11th, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Suzanne (née Pablot) and Gerry—a daughter (Sophie Elizabeth).

MILN.—On Sept. 18th, 1978, at Hereford, to Elizabeth (née Barber) and Barnaby—a son (Graham Clayton), a brother for Rosalie.

NISBET.—On September 19th, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Mary (née Fowler) and Euan—a daughter (Ruth Ellen).

PROWSE.—On September 18th, at Paignton and District Hospital, to June (née Colville) and Anthony—a son (Sebastian).

RIDER.—On September 20th to Pamela (née Millican) and Timothy—a daughter (Helen) a sister for Alistair.

THORNE.—On 20th September, 1978, to Daphne (née Vanderkiste) and Robert—a 2nd son (Christopher).

TODD.—On September 15th, to Denise (née Stracstone) and David—a son (Francis Stephen).

WALLACE.—On 20th Sept., to Camilla (née Hunter) and Roy—*a daughter (Sasha Rosalind)* a sister for Jeremy.

WALSH.—On September 19th at Mowbray Hospital, Exeter, to Ann (née Francis) and Dermot—a daughter (Joanna Mary), sister for David.

WEXHAM.—*On 19th September at* Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Brian and Susy—a daughter (Tuesday Jody).

WILLOUGHBY.—On 20th September at Malton Hospital to Michael and Lucy—a daughter.

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MARRIAGES

BROUGHTON : KINNERSLEY.—On September 12th at St. Andrew, Guernsey, Paul Leonard to Victoria Claire.

MOODY : NIND.—On 16th September, 1978, in Sydney, Australia, Terence James, younger son of *Mr and Mrs Vincent Moody of* Brisbane, Queensland, and Nicola Gabrielle, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Nind of Abinger Common, Surrey.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

DRYSDALE : COURTNEY. — On 22nd September, 1928, at the Parish Church, Barnes, London, S.W.13, Leslie David Drysdale to Dorothy Emily Courtney. Present address: 53 Castle Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.

HALLIDAY : HAPSWELL. — On September 22nd, 1928, at St. Jude's, Court Field Gardens, Edward Irvine Halliday to Dorothy Lucy Hapswell.

DEATHS

AYLWIN.—On September 20th, Rosamund Byng Aylwin (née Morris), peacefully at Broome House, Clent. Dearly loved. Service and interment at St. Peter's Church, Pedmore, Stourbridge, at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26th. Family flowers only, please.

BURMEISTER.—On 19th September, Marjorie Alice (née Briers), suddenly in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, aged 67, much loved by Werner, Michael and Ingrid. Funeral inquiries and flowers to D. W. Johns and Sons, Station Road, Chingford 01-529 1174. Donations, if desired, to the *Coronary Care Unit, c/o The* Stewards Office, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.1.

BYNDON-AYRES, RUTH BRIDGET.—Suddenly, on 18th Sept. Funeral 11.15 a.m., 26th Sept. at St. Nicholas Church, Great Wilbraham, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to her Church.

CORCORAN.—On September 21st, suddenly, Colonel Thomas Martin *of 3 Mill Road, Fen Drayton,* formerly of 63 Beach Road, Littlehampton, at Shawford, Sussex. Beloved father and grandfather. Requiem mass at St Catherine's Church, Littlehampton. Funeral enquiries to: Holland *& Son, Littlehampton Tel.: 3939.*

FOGG, ELLIOT.—On 18th September, 1978 of Staindrop, County Durham, Oliver, much loved husband of Ruth and father of Michael. Funeral private. No flowers. Memorial service to be announced later.

FOULKES.—On September 19th, 1978, Eunice Irene at The War Memorial Hospital, Melton Mowbray, aged 75 years, after a long illness bravely borne. Service in Melton Church at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Loughborough on Friday, September 22nd. Flowers or donations in lieu to Cancer Research. Enquiries to Stevens and Goodburn, Sage Cross Street, Melton Mowbray. Tel.: 2686.

GIFFORD.—On September 19th in hospital aged 76 years, Samuel, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. of Bryant Road, Strood, Kent. Funeral Service on Tuesday 26th September at All Saints Church, Frindsbury, Rochester at 10.30 a.m. *followed by cremation at Medway.* Family flowers only, donations to Friends of St. Bartholomews Hospital, Rochester.

GREENWOOD.—On September 19th in a Southport Nursing Home, Herbert James, aged 91, of Fulwood, Preston, beloved husband of the late Alison and father of Duncan and Eric. Enquiries to Messrs. H. Whalley and Sons, 0772 54656.

HARRIS.—On *September 20th,* peacefully, at home, 51 Burnham Drive, Weston super Mare, the Reverend Geoffrey Centurier, after courageously bearing lifelong disabilities and a protracted illness. Greatly loved and loving husband and father of Joy and Michael. Funeral at Emmanuel Church, Weston super Mare, 2.45 p.m. Monday, September 25th followed by private cremation. Interment of ashes at Wield, Hampshire, at 3 p.m. Friday, September 29th. No flowers. Donations for the Churches he loved and served

HENNELL.—On 20th Sept., 1978, at Gainsborough Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, in her 90th year, Hilda Stewart, only surviving child of the late Sir Alexander and Lady Glegg, widow of Bernard Hennell and dearly loved mother of Ian, Malcolm *and MacDonald. Funeral Service* at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuesday, Sept. 26th, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Crusaders' Union, 2 Romeland Hill, St. Albans, Herts AL3 4ET. "In Thy presence is fullness of joy".

HOWARD.—On Wednesday, September 20th, at her home, Embley Ridge, Gardeners Lane, nr. Romsey, after a short illness, Florence Helena, beloved wife of Granville Howard, and dear mother of Audrey Farmiloe, grandmother of Graham and Lyndsey. Funeral private, no flowers, by request; donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A.

JAMES.—On September 19th at Brompton Hospital, Richard, aged 66 years. Cremation at Breakspeare, on Tuesday, September 26th, at 12 noon. Floral tributes and enquiries, W. S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond St., Ealing, W.5. Tel.: 01-567 0432.

KIRK.—On 20th September, 1978, Christine Mary (née Nicholson), peacefully, in her 85th year, dear mother of Mimi Taylor, of Holly Wood, Tendring, Essex. Funeral private.

LAYOUS.—On 16th September, peacefully, Antoine Georne, with the deepest regret of the Albert Abela group of companies. Condolences can be sent to Cable Address—Alabea London.

LEDGER.—On September 21, 1978, peacefully in her sleep, Raymonde Frances Ledger. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Tuesday, September 26th, at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Hannington's, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove.

LEWIS.—On 20th September, 1978, suddenly at his home in Hampton, Middlesex, Brigadier Hillary Leonard Lewis, C.B.E. (R. Sigs retired). Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, 27th September, 1978, at South-West Middlesex Crematorium, (Hanworth, Middlesex) at 3 p.m. Flowers and enquiries to T. H. Sanders and Higgs, 153 Heath Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. Tel.: 01-892 2611.

LYNCH.—On 20th September, 1978, after a long illness, at Farnham Hospital, Rosalia Louisa, of "Lleda", Coniston Drive, Farnham, Surrey. Beloved wife of Pat and loving mother of Julie. Funeral service at Aldershot Crematorium on Wednesday, 27th September, at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to H. C. Patrick & Co., Farnham. Tel. 025 135276.

LYTLE.—On September 17th John Ebert Lytle, of 35 Park Lane, W.1. Service and cremation at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, 25th September at 10.15 a.m.

McCARTHY.—On September 20th, in hospital after a long illness, Mary Gibson McLean, wife of George, mother of James Ralph.

McMINNIES, MARY.—Beloved and *devoted wife of John, on 15* September, in Ajaccio hospital.

MENDELS.—On September 19th, while on holiday in Sidmouth, Phyllis Ruth, aged 74, of Castle Fields, Fowey, Cornwall, dearly beloved wife of Louis Philip (Piet). *Funeral service at Fowey* cemetery on Monday, September 25th at 2.30 p.m. No letters, please.

NIXON.—On September 20th suddenly Ann Longspreth (née *Thompson) of the Chestnuts, Collingham, Newark, very dearly* loved wife of Dennis and mother of Susan and Judith. Funeral service at All Saints, North Collingham, Monday 25th September at 2.30 p.m. No flowers please.

OLIVER.—On September 19th, peacefully at Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth, Miss Kathleen Mabel Lambton Oliver, formerly an Examiner of the Royal Academy of Dancing, much loved sister of John and Micky, and aunt of her many nephews and nieces. Cremation at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth on Monday 25th September at 12 noon. Flowers to Walter C. Parson, Salisbury House, Tothill Avenue. Tel. Plymouth 66458.

ROMNEY.—On 17th Sept. 1978, peacefully in hospital, Paul Edward Churchill Romney. Service at St. James Parish Church, Welland, near Malvern, Worcs., Monday, September 25th at 2.30 p.m.

ROSS.—On 20th September, suddenly, at his home, William Ross, of Brookend Ridge, Welland, nr. Malvern, dearly loved husband of Mabel, and very dear father of John, William, Winifred and Alastair. *So greatly loved by all his* family. Funeral service at St. James's Church, Welland, nr. Malvern, on Tuesday, September 26th, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, by request, but *donations if desired may be* made to the British Heart Foundation, 41 Hargrave Rd., Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1HU.

SPALDING.—On September 21st, Albert, of Hillcote Greens Street, *Brockworth, Gloucester (former* Director of Education Bradford). Beloved husband of Doris. Funeral service and cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday, September 25th, at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations *in lieu if desired may be sent* to the Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham General Hospital.

STOPFORD.—On 20th September, 1978, suddenly at his home in Iwerne Minster, Robert Jemmett Stopford, C.M.G., aged 83. Funeral private at his own request. No flowers.

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YOOL.—On September 19th, at home, peacefully, after a long illness, Air Vice-Marshal William Munro Yool, C.B., C.B.E. (R.A.F. retired), aged 84, beloved husband of Helen (née Stone). Funeral at Pirbright Parish Church on Monday, September 25th, at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please, but donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London, would be appreciated.

YOULTEN.—*On September 19th* at home, 9 William Beesley Crescent, Bramcote Barracks, Nuneaton, Richard Peter William, beloved son of Peter and Carolin and baby brother of Charles and Alexandra. Funeral service in Nuneaton Cemetery Chapel on Monday, September 25th, at 10.30 a.m. Cut flowers only to W. Smith and Sons, Stratford St., Nuneaton, or donations for the study of infants deaths, 25 St. Peters Square, London, W6 9NW.

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HOWARD.—*A service of thanksgiving for the life of Stephen* Howard, M.A., who taught at Dulwich College from 1953 until his recent death in France, will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, 21st October, in the Christison Hall at the College.

BOYLE, MRS. E. M. C. (Ria).—A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, S.W.1, on Tuesday, September 26th, at 12 noon.

TIGHE-WOOD.—A memorial service for the late Brigadier W. D. Tighe-Wood, C.B.E., M.C., will be held in Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk, London S.W.3, at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18th 1978.

van APELDOORN. — A memorial *service will be held for the late* Reverend Dr. R. H. van Apeldoorn, at the Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London, E.C.2, on Sept. 29th, 12.30.

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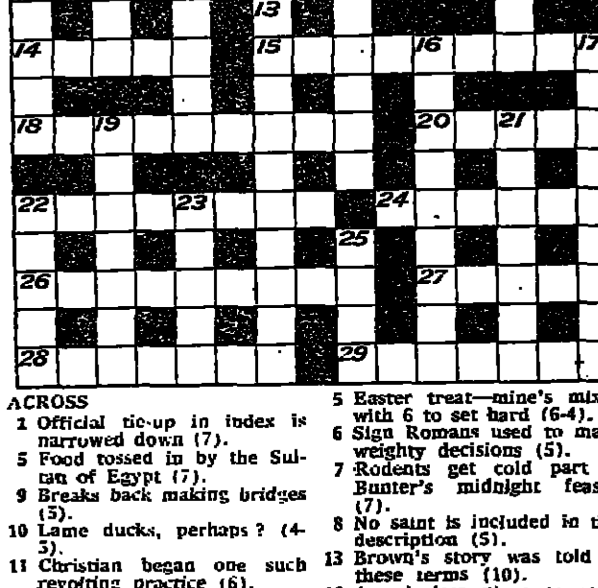

ACROSS

1 Official tie-up in index is narrowed down (7).
5 Food tossed in by the Sultan of Egypt (7).
9 Breaks back making bridges (5).
10 Lame ducks, perhaps ? (4-5).
11 Christian began one such revolting practice (6).
12 Number found at a business centre, keeping firm under pressure (8).
14 Revolutionary movement captures one in Italy (5).
15 Chance oil disaster, to get ruddy stuff out (9).
18 Domestic politics ? (9).
20 Detected smell in current under bridge (5).
22 Some are entitled to the rates for their jobs (8).
24 Only the best of casts for these statuettes (6).
26 Foreman's advantage ? (5, 4).
27 In South American city, at ten to three, say (5).
28 Upraise wreck in Mediterranean port (7).
29 Italian citizen—that is, in one sort of sense (7).

DOWN

1 International conflict—see if strike occurs (4, 5).
2 One making a queue, we hear, for a dish ? (7).
3 Not a siren anyway, but a sorry nag (9).
4 Crooked Rialto dealing he ends ? (4).
5 Easter treat—mine's mixed with 6 to set hard (6-4).
6 Sign Romans used to make weighty decisions (5).
7 Rodents get cold part of Bunter's midnight feast ? (7).
8 No saint is included in this description (5).
13 Brown's story was told in these terms (10).
16 A priceless place to stay, according to Yeats ? (9).
17 Does not change into the French style, though it's attractive (9).
19 He wrongly assumes Shylock is without a penny (7).
21 Money in estate development in Washington (7).
22 Fool's mate with pawn ? (5).
23 Enchanting hostess drops 6 from set (5).
25 Also says how to make *needles unnecessary* (4).

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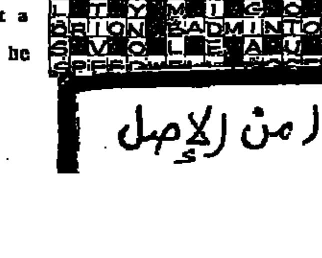

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